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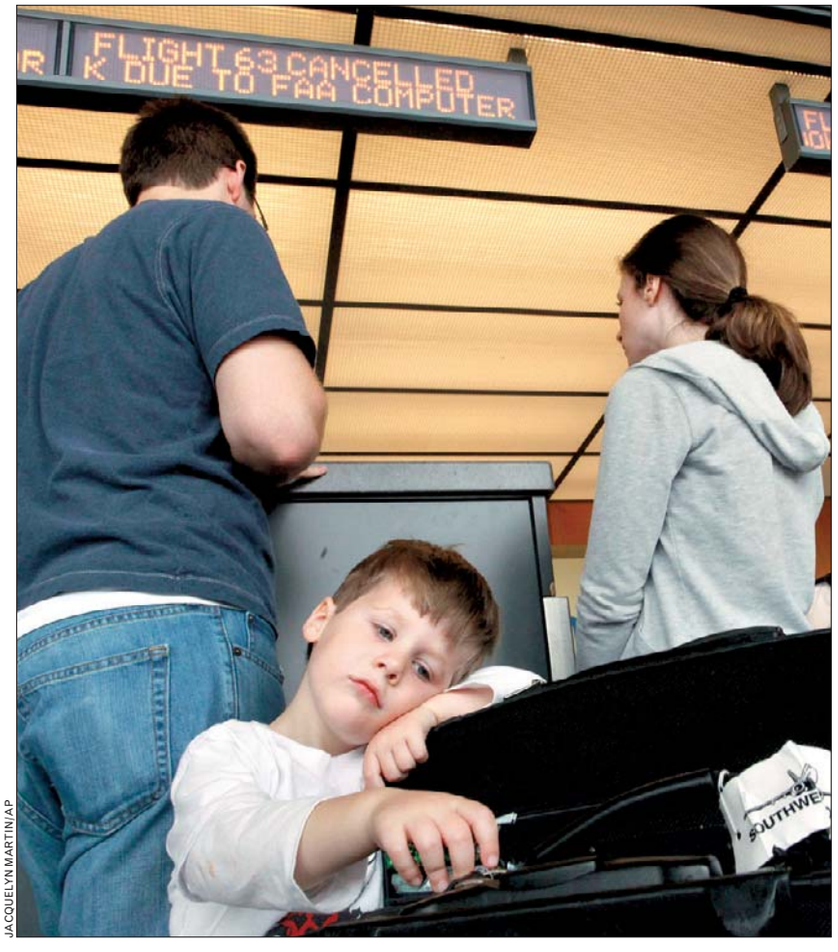

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Glitch Snarls Morning Air Traffic

GROUNDED: Caleb Raehl of Manassas, Va., waits in line with his parents while their trip is re-booked at Washington Dulles International Airport Thursday after their flight was canceled due to an FAA computer glitch. For the second time in 15 months, hundreds of flights were delayed due to a system error. The problem was resolved by 9 a.m. ✣ **Failure:** Glitch traced to circuit board | **Page 3**

Health Bill To Face Early Test

GOP slams Senate legislation ahead of initial vote Saturday

WASHINGTON | Digging in for a long struggle, Republican senators and governors assailed the Democrats' newly minted health care legislation Thursday as a collection of tax increases, Medicare cuts and heavy new burdens for deficit-ridden states.

Despite the criticism, there were growing indications Democrats would prevail on an initial Senate showdown set for Saturday night, and Majority Leader Harry Reid crisply rebutted the Republican charges. The bill "will save lives, save money and save Medicare," he said. The legislation is designed to answer President Obama's call to expand coverage, end industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of preexisting medical conditions, and restrain the growth of health care spending.

Republicans saw little to like.

"It makes no sense at all and affronts common sense," said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, one of several Republicans to criticize the measure. He added that a plan to expand Medicaid, the state-federal program for the poor, was a "bait and switch" with states as the victims. (AP)

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LOGIC

'Winter Boat Parade' Just Too Sensible

A Long Island town is hoping for better attendance at its holiday boat parade by restoring "Christmas" to the name. The Patchogue Riverfront Committee says it decided to call the event "Christmas Holiday Boat Parade." Last year's event was renamed "Holiday Boat Parade" after some complained the name wasn't inclusive enough. But the ensuing controversy led to a dramatic drop-off in spectators. (AP)

CAREERS

Manly Future in Midwifery Secured

A 2-year-old boy in north Mississippi helped his mother give birth to his brother. Bobbye Favazza says she went into labor last Friday and gave birth on the family's living room couch. She said her toddler got her a towel and caught the baby before firefighters arrived to cut the umbilical cord. Favazza gave birth to a 7-pound, 4-ounce baby boy. (AP)

JUNKO KIMURA/GETTY IMAGES

RELAXING

The Grape Escape

Visitors taste Beaujolais nouveau at the open-air wine spa in Hakone, Japan, on Thursday. The wine spa was launched four years ago at the Hakone Kowakien Yunessun resort, and the Beaujolais event takes place annually, when the year's Beaujolais nouveau wines are released. Don't worry, they're not bathing in pure wine — it's just water colored with a few bottles of the stuff. (EXPRESS)

BRAVERY

That's What We Call Pluck

A person in a chicken costume interrupted Durango, Colo.'s city council Tuesday. The person quietly entered the council chambers just as the mayor was discussing an ordinance that makes it easier to keep backyard hens. The costumed chicken took a few turns, flapped its arms, then took a seat in the nearly empty gallery. Several minutes later, the big bird left after laying an egg on the floor. (AP)

EDUCATION

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In Brief

ALBANY, NY.

Aides: Giuliani Considering Another U.S. Senate Run

Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani has not decided whether to run for governor but is becoming more interested in running for U.S. Senate, two Republican advisers said Thursday. One adviser noted that no one is saying Giuliani has made a decision but that it "certainly sounds" like he is less interested in running for governor. Giuliani ran for Senate in 2000 and was expected to face off against Hillary Clinton until a bout with cancer forced him to withdraw from the race. (AP)

Giuliani

LOS ANGELES

UCLA Approves Tuition Increase Despite Protests

The governing board of the University of California approved a $2,500 student fee increase Thursday after two days of tense campus protests across the state. The 32 percent increase will push the cost of an undergraduate education at California's premier public schools to more than $10,000 a year by next fall, about triple the cost of a decade ago. (AP)

System Glitch Hampers Air Travel

Hundreds of flights delayed after circuit board in Utah fails

ATLANTA | For the second time in a little more than a year, a glitch at one of the two centers that handle flight plans for the nation's air travel system set off delays and cancellations for passengers across the country.

The snarl Thursday — traced to something as simple as a single circuit board — prompted calls for more money and manpower at the Federal Aviation Administration, which has struggled without success for years to overhaul the air traffic system.

The circuit board, at an FAA center in Salt Lake City, is part of a multibillion-dollar nationwide communications network that the agency has spent years installing as part of plans to modernize air traffic control.

A government watchdog said last year that the network was over budget and plagued by outages. On a single day in 2007 alone, the failure of parts of the network was responsible for 566 flight delays.

Aviation experts are unsure whether any system that relies on the interconnectedness of computers can prevent glitches from causing havoc unless there are sufficient backup systems to handle the thousands of flight plans filed each day in the U.S.

"A good communications system should have enough redundancy that a failure shouldn't hurt it that badly," said Michael Ball, a University of Maryland professor who specializes in aviation operations research.

Hundreds of flights were canceled or delayed from Atlanta to Houston to Phoenix after the problem began about 5 a.m. The glitch was fixed about four hours later. Planes in the air were never in danger. (AP)

CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

A traveler talks on his cell phone in the terminal at Des Moines International Airport in Iowa Thursday after an FAA system crash caused flight delays across the U.S.

Army Bars Media From Palin Event

RALEIGH, N.C. | The U.S. Army plans to prevent media from covering Sarah Palin's appearance at Fort Bragg, fearing the event will turn into political grandstanding against President Obama, officials said Thursday.

Fort Bragg spokesman Tom McCollum said Army officials had decided to keep media away from Palin's book signing, which will not include a speech. He said the Army did not want the Monday event to become a platform to express political opinions "directed against the commander in chief," which is prohibited by Army regulations. (AP)

HEARSAY | SHOOTING AFTERMATH

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Silence at the North Pole

Alaska town will no longer reply to letters kids write to Santa

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA | Starry-eyed children writing letters to the jolly man at the North Pole this holiday season likely won't get a response from Santa Claus or his helpers.

The U.S. Postal Service is dropping a popular national program begun in 1954 in the small Alaska town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year. Replies come with North Pole postmarks.

Last year, a postal worker in Maryland recognized an Operation Santa volunteer there as a registered sex offender. The postal worker interceded before the individual could answer a child's letter, but the Postal Service viewed the episode as a big enough scare to tighten the rules for the program.

People in North Pole are incensed by the change.

"It's Grinch-like that the Postal Service never informed all the little elves before the fact," North Pole Mayor Doug Isaacson said.

Postal service spokeswoman Pamela Moody stressed that kids can still send letters to Santa Claus. The Postal Service still runs the giant Operation Santa Program in which children can have their letters to Santa answered.

What will change are the generically addressed letters to "Santa Claus, North Pole" that for years have been forwarded to the Alaska town. That program will stop, unless changes are made before Christmas. RACHEL D'ORO (AP)

SAM HARRELL/AP

Letters sent to Santa are displayed at Santa Claus House in North Pole, Alaska.

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Belgian, Brit Receive Top EU Jobs

Bloc's first president, foreign policy chief are little-known figures

BRUSSELS | After years of effort, the European Union named its first full-time president and powerful foreign policy chief on Thursday — but handed the jobs to two little-known compromise figures instead of global heavy hitters.

The choice by national leaders behind closed doors broke a stalemate in choppy, often pained negotiations intended to give Europe a voice on the world stage commensurate with its economic heft. That hope was apparently dashed by a desire for consensus instead of a potentially divisive figure who could have overshadowed leaders of nations such as France and Germany.

Belgian Premier Herman Van Rompuy — a soft-spoken technocrat who shuns the public eye — will be the EU's new president. EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton of Britain, recognized by few in her home country and never elected to public office, was named foreign policy chief.

Van Rompuy and Ashton are meant to give the EU a bigger role on issues such as climate change, terrorism and trade amid the rise of China, Brazil and India.

Van Rompuy and Ashton were chosen from about 10 candidates, including Tony Blair.

Van Rompuy pledged to be "discreet" in his new job, which will entail organizing the EU's four or five annual summits and liaise between the EU leaders. He said climate change and Europe's high unemployment will be key concerns in the years ahead.

The EU president and foreign minister posts were created by an EU reform treaty that takes effect Dec. 1.

The treaty is vague on what the EU president is supposed to do, other than encourage more European integration. CONSTANT BRAND (AP)

COMPROMISE CHOICES

Belgian Premier Herman Van Rompuy and EU Trade Commissioner Catherine Ashton were both relatively below-the-radar leaders.

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HERMAN VAN ROMPUY
EU PRESIDENT

EXPERIENCE: A technocrat with a professorial air, the 62-year-old Christian Democrat became the Belgian premier in 2008.

FUN FACT: At a press conference last month, Van Rompuy shared a haiku about how Belgium, Spain and Hungary will team up on EU policy in 2010: "Three waves. Roll into port together. The trio is home."

CATHERINE ASHTON
EU FOREIGN POLICY CHIEF

EXPERIENCE: Ashton, 53, trained as an economist and was the EU's trade commissioner for a little more than a year. She became a junior minister and leader of Britain's House of Lords in 2007.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: After being appointed Thursday, Ashton urged the EU to "judge me by what I do. ... Am I an ego on legs? No, I'm not."

In Brief

LOUIS CHEUPEX/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

People gather near a plane that landed in hardened lava in Goma, Congo.

KINSHASA, CONGO

Plane Lands in Hardened Lava, Injuring 20 People

A passenger plane overshot the runway Thursday, landing in hardened lava surrounding an airport in eastern Congo and injuring 20 people, a U.N.-run radio station reported. The plane was flying from Kinshasa to Goma, and passengers had warned the crew that there were heavy clouds, Radio Okapi said. (AP)

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

World Powers Consider New Sanctions for Iran

President Obama said Thursday that the six nations dealing with Iran's nuclear program will develop a package of serious new punitive measures in coming weeks, after Iran's apparent rejection of a U.N. plan to ship its low-enriched uranium abroad. The European Union said the six would gather immediately to begin consultations. (AP)

RELIGION Returned to Former Glory A gem of the Vatican's priceless religious art collection — a foot-high 6th-century golden cross containing what is revered as fragments of the cross on which Jesus was crucified — has been restored to its Byzantine-era glory. Art experts said the restoration unveiled Thursday corrected a botched 19th-century restoration that threatened to corrode the piece. The work rendered the reliquary much closer to what it would have looked like at the time the Byzantine Emperor Justin II gave it to the people of Rome. (AP)

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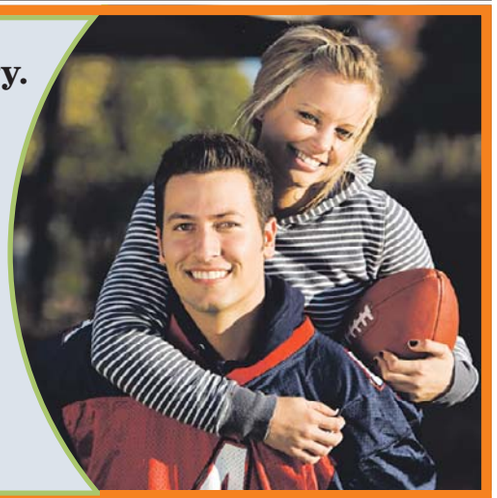

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World

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Afghan President Hamid Karzai passes an honor guard as he arrives at his inauguration on Thursday in Kabul. Karzai was sworn in for a second five-year term.

Karzai Promises Crucial Reforms

At his inauguration, Afghan leader vows to learn from mistakes

KABUL | For his critics, President Hamid Karzai's inaugural speech Thursday struck all the right notes — sober pledges to get tough on corruption and strengthen his own security forces so foreign troops can start going home. The question now is whether he has the will and ability to deliver.

A subdued Karzai, in his traditional green-striped robe, stayed close to his written text — a departure from his usually relaxed and extemporaneous style. There was none of the excitement and anticipation of his first inauguration, in 2004, when hopes were high that Afghanistan had turned a corner.

Dignitaries from across Afghanistan and the world listened intently for promises of reforms. And Karzai delivered — at least in words.

"We have to learn from the mistakes and shortcomings of the past eight years," he said. "It is through this self-evaluation that we can better respond to the ... expectations of our people."

Speaking after the ceremony, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton praised Karzai's plans to fight corruption — but also said attention would now turn to his actions.

"He could have been very vague and talked about how we're all against [corruption] and all want to end it, but he was much more specific," she said. "And we're going to, along with the people of Afghanistan, watch very carefully to see how that's implemented."

ELENA BECATOROS AND KATHY GANNON (AP)

Two Blasts Kill 21 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN | A blast early Friday killed two police officers a day after a suicide bomber killed 19 people outside a courthouse in northwestern Pakistan, the latest attacks in an onslaught by Islamist militants retaliating against an army offensive near the Afghan border.

The bombings brought to eight the number of militant attacks in less than two weeks in and around Peshawar, the main gateway to the frontier region infested by al-Qaeda and the Taliban. The attacks have killed more than 80 people. (AP)

SmartBenefit Changes Postponed

Metro delays overhaul after complaints from employers, passengers

Metro will delay for a year the proposed changes to its SmartBenefits program after riders protested that the changes were unfair — particularly one that would have had any unused money from their pre-tax payroll allocation reverting to their employers.

The revisions were supposed to take effect Jan. 1, 2010. But Metro officials said Thursday that after hearing from commuters and employers, who also complained that the proposed changes were confusing and announced too late, they decided to push back implementation to give employers more time to figure out how they will administer the plan.

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

Metro's revisions were supposed to take effect Jan. 1, 2010. But after complaints from employers and riders, the agency decided to push the changes back a year.

During an online chat two weeks ago, Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. said the agency was rethinking the timetable, noting that "we have heard a lot of comments from customers about this change in SmartBenefits."

The transit agency had said the changes were necessary to comply with IRS guidelines about how to protect the benefit system from misuse. Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said agency officials met with representatives from the IRS this week and said the IRS "seemed to understand the challenges we face" in meeting the Jan. 1 deadline.

More than 200,000 riders and 4,000 employers in the region participate in the program, which allows employers to assign the dollar value of employees' monthly commuting benefits directly to their SmartBenefits accounts.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

AOL to Cut One-Third Of Workers

AOL said on Thursday that it plans to reduce its work force by a third over the next several months.

The company, which is based in New York but maintains a large campus in the Dulles area, employs about 6,900 people. The company is hoping to get as many as 2,500 workers to participate in a "voluntary layoff" program set in early December.

For the time being, AOL is still part of Time Warner, though the media giant is scheduled to spin off the former dial-up Internet giant into a separate company Dec. 9.

Chief executive Tim Armstrong announced the latest round of restructuring in an e-mail and a video that was shared with employees Thursday morning.

In his e-mail, Armstrong told employees that he would not take a bonus this year because he is "the person who takes accountability for the results of the company."

MIKE MUSGROVE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Mid-day Pick 4	5-0-5-5
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Match 5 (Wed.)	14-17-28-31-32 (36)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	7-11-35-41-42-43

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	0-8-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	1-2-7
Mid-day DC 4	5-8-6-3
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	7-0-0-9
Mid-day D.C. Five	8-5-9-6-2
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	0-3-6-3-8
Daily 6 (Wed.)	9-15-18-31-35-39 (11)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-17-23-29-39 (15)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	3-2-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-9-4
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-3-4-6
Mid-day Cash 5	8-14-17-21-32
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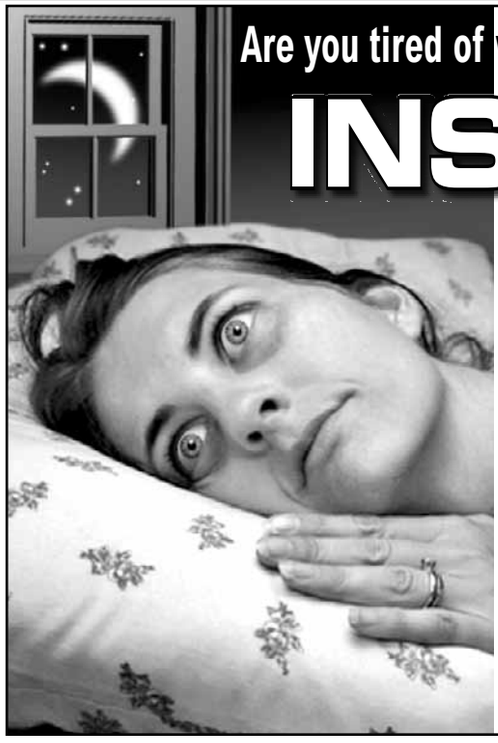

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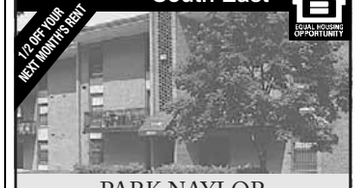

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friday

7 P.M. The 2K Sports Coaches vs. Cancer Classic championship game tips off in New York. ESPN2
7 P.M. The Capitals host the Montreal Canadiens. CSN
8 P.M. With Antawn Jamison back in the lineup, the Wizards take on the Oklahoma City Thunder. CSN+
8 P.M. The Boston Celtics take on the new-look Orlando Magic. ESPN

AP

Can Peyton Manning and the Colts stay undefeated when facing the Ravens?

9:30 P.M. Boise State aims to stay unbeaten against Utah State. ESPN2
10:30 P.M. The Nuggets square off against the Clippers in L.A. ESPN

saturday

2:30 P.M. Charlie Weis and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish try to right the ship against Connecticut. NBC
7 P.M. The Capitals travel to Toronto to take on the Maple Leafs. CSN+
8:30 P.M. The Wizards head to San Antonio to battle the Spurs. CSN

sunday

1 P.M. The Ravens are fighting for their playoff lives as they host Peyton Manning and the unbeaten Colts. CBS
3:15 P.M. Jimmie Johnson races for his fourth-straight NASCAR title. ABC
8:15 P.M. The Eagles look to keep pace in the NFC East as they head to the Windy City to face the Bears. NBC
8:30 P.M. The L.A. Galaxy plays Real Salt Lake for the MLS Cup. ESPN

DeMarcus Ware, left, and Ladell Betts are going to be battling for screen time when the Cowboys host the underdog Redskins at their new stadium.

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Time to Cowboy Up

A trip to Big D gives Redskins some added excitement this week

REDSKINS | The lights are brighter. The fans are more excited. And there has never been a bigger screen to shine on. But Washington's trip to Dallas' new stadium this weekend may be as much of a relief as a challenge.

Sure, there's talk of turning the season around — a tough proposition, to say the least. There's buzz about which tailback should be the starter once Clinton Portis returns from his concussion. But the only thing that matters this week is beating the guys with the stars on their helmets.

And, of course, getting to do a touchdown dance on that colossal new video screen would be pretty sweet. "It looks nice on TV," receiver Santana Moss said of the new stadium. "You get mesmerized."

In a year when the Redskins

(3-6) have not played well, this trip to Dallas adds a touch of excitement that may be otherwise absent down the stretch.

Once they finish gawking at the monster screen, the Redskins' offense will have to figure out how to stop Dallas' pass rush. The Cowboys' front seven have developed such a reputation that the team's 24 sacks in the first nine games appears to be an underachievement. But Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware (seven sacks) and defensive tackle Jay Ratliff (four sacks) will weigh heavy on the minds of the Redskins' patchwork offensive line.

To counter Dallas' pressure, Washington will likely stick with the run-oriented approach it used to beat the Broncos, with Ladell Betts and Rock Cartwright carrying the load.

"Its smashmouth football games when we play Dallas," Betts said. "It means a lot to the fans here, and I'm sure it means a lot to the fans down there. I think that's what really drives it, is the fans." ERIC BRANDNER

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2005
MARK BRUNELL threw two long touchdown passes to Santana Moss in the final moments of the fourth quarter in Dallas, turning what looked like a sure loss into a 14-13 victory.

1983
IN A GAME that had it all, the Redskins blew a 20-point halftime lead, losing 31-30 at RFK Stadium on a Monday night. It was also the game when Darrell Green famously chased down Dallas RB Tony Dorsett.

1979
Legendary QB **ROGER STAUBACH** rallied Dallas to score two touchdowns in the final minutes for a 35-34 win, sealing the NFC East title for the Cowboys in a heartbreaking loss for the Redskins.

SOCCER Up in Arms Ireland appealed to France and soccer authorities Thursday to replay their World Cup playoff after an obvious handball by Thierry Henry, left, produced the winning goal. Ireland's government joined the country's soccer association in demanding Wednesday's 1-1 draw in France be replayed in Paris. Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni dismissed the prospect as "impossible." Still, the Irish are fuming. "If that result remains, it reinforces the view that if you cheat, you will win," said Irish Justice Minister Dermot Ahern. (AP)

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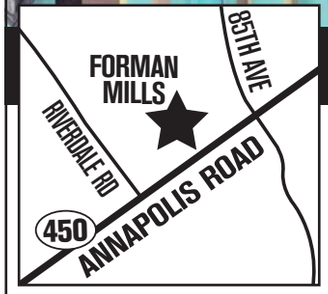

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How the Redskins could win — or lose — this week

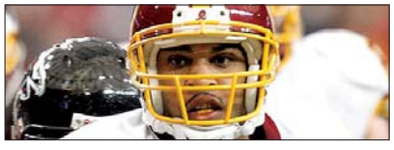
THE REDSKINS WILL WIN IF ...

1 Tony Romo is sacked at least four times. In past years, that would seem like an unlikely bet. But Andre Carter and Brian Orakpo have rejuvenated the Redskins' defensive line. If Washington can't develop a solid pass rush, Romo will have enough time to find a talented group of receivers led by Miles Austin. If that's the case, the Redskins will be playing from behind. As we know from the first half of the season, that's not one of their strengths.

2 Hunter Smith gets the call on another trick play. The punter was the best acquisition of the offseason. Whenever he touches the ball, it's exciting. That pass to Mike Sellers was a thing of beauty this past week, with the only play coming close to it all season coming when Smith ran for a score against the New York Giants in Week 1. And forget the special plays when Smith is holding kicks — he's not a half-bad punter, either.

3 They take a page from Forrest Gump and keep running. Weeks of losing had the Redskins feeling like Gump did when Jenny left him in the middle in the night. How did Gump break out of his funk? He went coast to coast several times. And by riding Ladell Betts to their first win in five games, the Redskins are feeling a lot better about themselves, too. The Redskins look better as a run-first team. And that's all we have to say about that.

THE REDSKINS WILL LOSE IF ...



1 Jason Campbell misses as many open receivers as he did last week. It's true that 10 different Washington players caught passes against Denver — Devin Thomas and Malcolm Kelly each had a nice play, and somehow the world didn't end! — but the first half was marked by blown opportunities, including when Campbell overshot Santana Moss. It's hard to imagine beating Dallas if scoring chances are squandered.

2 The Cowboys have a good memory. Washington stunned Big D in Texas last year in Jason Campbell's best career performance, and you'd think Demarcus Ware and company will be looking for revenge against their archrival. The odds don't favor a second-straight road win for the Redskins, who have won just twice in their last 13 games against Dallas in Texas. It's no wonder the Cowboys are 11-point favorites entering Sunday's game.

3 Jerry Jones is standing on the sidelines at game's end. Dallas' owner only seems to show his face when his team is winning. If Jones is still sitting in his box in the middle of the fourth quarter, you'll know this is a real game. And the closer the score is, the more likely it is that Washington could be in position for an unlikely two-game winning streak. Forget the players, just follow the money man this week to gauge the action.

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ALL GAMES ON SATURDAY

No. 10 Ohio State at Michigan

THE STORY: Even with Michigan still in the doldrums, you have to throw out records in this storied college football rivalry.

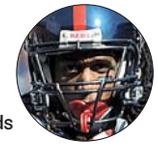
WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Ohio State coach **JIM TRESSEL** will continue his conservative play-calling and try to exploit mistakes made by the Wolverines. (NOON, ABC)

No. 11 Oregon at Arizona

THE STORY: If the Wildcats drop the Ducks, the Pac 10 picture becomes extremely murky.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: Oregon tailback **LAMICHAEL JAMES** leads the nation's 6th-ranked rushing attack against the 11th-ranked rush defense in Arizona. (8 P.M., ABC)

No. 8 LSU at Ole Miss



THE STORY: Rebels running back **DEXTER MCCLUSTER** is coming off a school record 282 rush yards against Tennessee.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR: LSU's defensive speed may make the difference in the SEC contest. (3:30 P.M., CBS)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Did Someone Say 'Rivalry'?

WHERE'S THE HATE?

Something's missing in Dallas Week. Call it passion. Call it intensity. Call it interest.

What once was one of the NFL's best rivalries has all the buzz of a University of Maryland football game this week. The excitement has been lost in an avalanche of defeats temporarily halted by the Redskins' surprising showing against the Denver Broncos.

Does the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry ebb and flow like this? How about the Lakers-Celtics rivalry? Yes, to a certain degree. But this is worse, and this week's Blah Bowl is one thing about this season you can't pin solely on Daniel Snyder.

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Jerry Jones has done almost as much damage in Dallas as Snyder has done here. Both are middling organizations now, separated only by the fact that Washington has actually won a playoff game in the past decade.

There's a longing among Redskins fans for the good old days even after Joe Gibbs' so-so comeback. Games used to matter each week. Beating Dallas meant something; the stakes were huge.

And while the Cowboys sit in first place now, their recent history suggests a December fade. So, a Redskins victory would be nice because there have been so few wins this year. But this is just another game — with the Cowboys rivalry another victim of a lost season.

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Caps Tap Hershey for Help

First-rounder Carlson is called up to bolster the battered blue line

CAPITALS | Banged and bruised, the Washington Capitals decided the future is now — at least for a crucial stretch in which they play four games in six nights.

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With six players nursing injuries, Washington called up 2008 first-round pick John Carlson Wednesday from Hershey in hopes he can help the team's blue line. The youngster joined the Caps at practice Thursday.

The 19-year-old made an impression on the organization during the Bears' Calder Cup run and followed it up by making himself a tough cut during this year's training camp. Carlson, listed at 6-foot-3, 210 pounds, has 10 points and is tied for Hershey's lead with a plus-14 rating through 17 games.

Carlson will likely be paired with Tom Poti when he plays his first NHL game Friday night when Washington hosts the Montreal Canadiens, but coach Bruce Boudreau wants to make sure Carlson — and fans — don't put too much stock into one game.

"It's not gonna make his career or break his career," said Boudreau. "If he's horrible, it's gonna make no difference. We still think the world of him. If he's great, we still think he's a first-year guy who has played one game. So, I hope he doesn't lose any sleep over this."

The big question is why Carlson got the call-up over 2007 first-round pick Karl Alzner, who played 30 games with the Capitals last season. Alzner has just four points this season in Hershey but is tied with Carlson with a plus-14 rating.

Boudreau said Carlson's right-handed shot played into the equation and that the salary cap may have been a factor, but he declined to elaborate. MARK GIANNOTTO

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

John Carlson, the Capitals' 19-year-old 2008 first-round pick, will debut on Friday.

Sunday PICK'EM

	Matt Swenson, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Dan Steinberg, DC SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST	Angie Goff, MORNING SHOW HOST, WUSA9-TV
REDSKINS (PLUS 11) AT COWBOYS	**COWBOYS** One win isn't enough to change my mind on picking against the Redskins each week.	**COWBOYS** I bought a milk carton the other day and Santana Moss' face was on it.	**COWBOYS** They won't get blown out as long as players keep their eyes off the video board.	**COWBOYS** That double-digit line seems high considering these rivalry games are always close.
FALCONS (PLUS 6.5) AT GIANTS	**FALCONS** The road team has won every game in this series since 1979. Weird, huh?	**GIANTS** Without Turner, the Falcons will have a tough time on the road.	**GIANTS** I still can't convince myself that the Giants are a sub-.500 team.	**FALCONS** Bad news for New York fans — Giants are 5-15 coming off a bye week since 1990.
COLTS (MINUS 1) AT RAVENS	**RAVENS** The Colts have to lose at some point this season, right?	**COLTS** The Colts can thank Brady Quinn for weakening the Ravens' defense.	**COLTS** If last week didn't convince you never to pick against Peyton, I'm not sure what will.	**RAVENS** Baltimore has a short week to prepare for the Colts, who probably shouldn't be undefeated.
CHARGERS (NO LINE) AT BRONCOS	**CHARGERS** With or without Kyle Orton, the Broncos are turning into last year's Redskins.	**CHARGERS** Tomlinson is a changed man, but I still love the Lightning Bug.	**BRONCOS** Sometimes you have to trust the improbable home underdog. See: Redskins last week.	**BRONCOS** A great rivalry gets a boost with a down Denver team and the division lead at stake.
EAGLES (MINUS 3) AT BEARS	**EAGLES** Redskins fans should be grateful Jay Cutler ended up in Chicago.	**BEARS** I can't imagine that McNabb won't show up to win in his hometown.	**BEARS** Sometimes you have to trust the improbable home underdog. See: Redskins last week.	**EAGLES** Chicago's offense has been awful in the season's first half with Jay Cutler.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 26-12; Clinton Yates: 23-25; Guests: Angie Goff: 31-17; Dan Steinberg: 19-23; Arnie Applebaum: 4-6

Lincecum Claims Second-Straight Cy Young Crown

MLB | San Francisco Giants ace Tim Lincecum won the NL Cy Young Award on Thursday for the second-straight year, emerging from one of the tightest votes in the history of the honor to become the first repeat winner since Randy Johnson.

The wiry right-hander, nicknamed "The Freak" for his giant stride, needed only 15 victories to earn the award — the fewest for a Cy Young starter over a full season.

Lincecum led the NL with 261 strikeouts and tied for the league lead with four complete games and two shutouts.

Only 10 points separated the top three vote-getters in the NL. Chris Carpenter was second and St. Louis teammate Adam Wainwright was third despite getting the most first-place votes. (AP)

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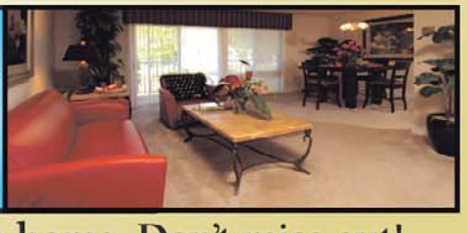

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Fancy Facades, Clever Designs

Four local condo buildings blend bold architectural details with quirky character

You've heard it all before: Beauty is only skin-deep. Don't judge a book by its cover. But when real estate is on the line, many home buyers opt to file such grade school lessons under "nice but naïve." After all, a building's outer shell signals the difference between a cookie-cutter high-rise and an architectural tour de force with serious curb appeal.

"The perception of buying a condo has changed, and with it has come the whole movement towards luxury buildings," says Joe Himali, a Realtor and the founder of Best Address Real Estate (Washingtonsbestaddress.com). The Georgetown-based firm was inspired by James M. Goode's 1988 book about Washington's "Best Addresses," ($65, Smithsonian), a veritable who's who of residential architecture. Taking a cue from Goode's book, Best Address Real Estate prides itself on helping buyers score homes with architectural cachet.

Himali credits the trend to re-embrace urbanism as responsible for condos' shift toward opulence. As a result, these days, designer condos often hold rank with tony rowhouses.

That's in part because condo hunters can choose among top designs by award-winning architects, from international superstars to local barons of the blueprint.

More than just a status symbol, architectural eye candy often signals a savvy investment. Washington's best-designed condo buildings show a pretty face — not to mention smart interiors and clever details.

We scoped out four new condo complexes where design cred comes with the down payment.

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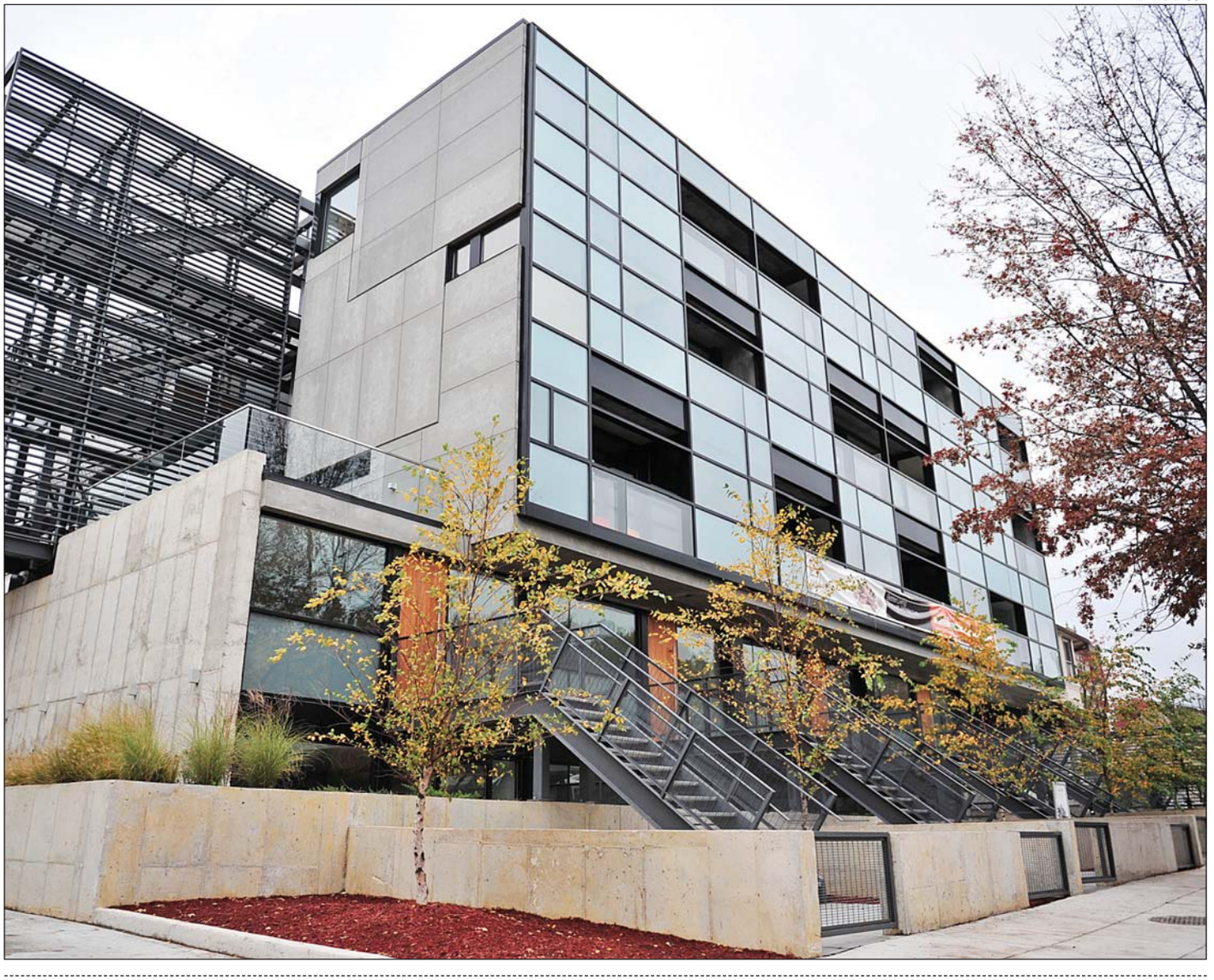

THE LACEY

2250 11TH ST. NW (LACEYDC.COM)

DESIGN CRED: This boutique condo's architecture doubles as a modernist art statement.

DETAILS: Nuzzling up to Shaw's iconic Florida Avenue Grill, the Lacey's blocky facade looks part Jenga game, part ultra-modern museum — with each unit as an objet d'art.

Some naysayers criticize the Lacey for lacking a sense of context within the neighborhood, but Lacey architect Ali Honarkar of D.C.'s Division1 Architects (Division1architects.com), makes no apologies for the building's showy aesthetic. "We wanted to make a statement," he explains. "It brings a more progressive design that introduces new materials beyond the typical D.C. brick and mortar."

A tribute to its namesake Lacey Wilson — the progressive-for-his-time original owner of neighborhood anchor Florida Avenue Grill — the Lacey is designed to build community, both inside and outside the glass-and-steel walls. Four of the 26 units feature exterior stairs that lead from the street to individual front doors — akin to a rowhouse's convivial front porch. Inside, wide corridors, an airy four-story atrium and two common roof decks encourage interaction between condo owners, making dwellers acutely aware of their neighbors' comings and goings.

Honarkar

The Lacey's singular design and comfortable vibe lured new condo owner John Roberts, a 28-year-old grad student at the University of Maryland. "I saw a lot of places in the area but felt the value here was great for the price," he says. "Eventually, I'll need to expand, and I think it'll be really good for resale because it's different and unique."

Of the few remaining units for sale at the Lacey, prices range from about $380,000 for a one-bedroom unit to $800,000 for a two-bedroom unit with a den and two patios.

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BUTTERFIELD HOUSE

1020 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. SE (BUTTERFIELDHOUSE.COM)

DESIGN CRED: The new Butterfield House exudes classic Victorian architectural elegance — sans backward thinking and creaky stairs.

DETAILS: Inspired by the multihued brick designs of 19th-century architect William Butterfield, this new Capitol Hill condominium building fits seamlessly into its classic surroundings — albeit with the sparkling gleam of fresh construction. Rife with traditional touches (including intricate banding and arches, and bay windows), the built-from-the-ground-up Butterfield House nabbed a 2009 Brick in Architecture Award for its classic use of brick in a new building, erected on the corner site of what was long a vacant lot.

The effect is one of familiarity — as in, you might swear you've seen the striking edifice before. "We wanted to do something we felt really belonged here," says Butterfield architect Sassan Gharai of Bethesda's SGA Architects (Sgacos.com). "A lot of people mistake it for a building that's been here forever."

Detailed corbelling and old-timey copper spouts accent the building's front. Inside, unexpected quirks personalize each of 28 units, from studios to one-, two- and three-bedroom units, with odd-shaped nooks and salvaged cherry floors engaging the eye. "Instead of having cookie-cutter boxes, all the apartments have little unique idiosyncratic features," Gharai says.

Completed last year, the building has just two units left for sale, with prices starting in the mid-$300s.

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PRIME PERKS

Don't know a corbel from a cornice? We checked in with local architecture experts for their take on five designer features that cue a condo is a cut above.

INDOOR-OUTDOOR RELATIONSHIP: Whether you love or loathe modern lofts, with their huge fishbowl windows, it's difficult to dispute the cheery effect that all that glass has on bringing nature inside. The same goes for balconies and patios. "Rarely do you see people sit on their balcony in Washington, but that's not the reason for a balcony — it's so you have an indoor-outdoor feeling and a sense of breathing," explains D.C. architect Travis Price (Travispricearchitects.com). "Without that, you feel like you're in a sterile little box."

PROPORTIONS: Smart proportions give a space a polished feel that can't be faked, Price says. Your furniture should feel custom-fit — neither crammed in nor floating like lily pads. And never underestimate the power of what Price endearingly calls "wasted space" — those extra few inches that give you room to stretch out, whether vertically with lofty ceilings or across wide-open floor plans.

GREEN FEATURES: Just as 1980s residential architecture was stamped with a faux return to traditional elegance, the current decade may go down in civic history as the era when sustainable architecture went mainstream. "This will be a turning point and known as the time when holistic architecture came back," says Spencer Lepler, a Northern Virginia architect who critiques local projects on DCMetrocentric.com. "Five more years, and everyone is going to be going for LEED certification."

CREATIVE CODING: Advanced architects often manipulate zoning and building codes to maximize space and better integrate a building into its context. "Certain projections from buildings can officially go into space that's technically public," explains Martin Moeller, the senior vice president and curator of the National Building Museum, who cites projects along Massachusetts Avenue by local architect Philip Esocoff (Esocoff.com) as particularly clever in this regard. Bay windows are a good example — prevalent in D.C. and based on city code, they can extend beyond the property site.

EXTERIOR DETAILS: "Do the exterior details tell a story?" architect Price asks. "You don't want just a plain box, but one where the architect had some fun with the skin." KATIE KNOROVSKY

PARKER FLATS AT GAGE SCHOOL

2035 2ND ST. NW (PARKERFLATS.COM)

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DESIGN CRED: Soak in civic history at this once-abandoned school building, recently converted into award-winning loft-style condos in Bloomingdale.

DETAILS: With a finger firmly planted on the pulse of responsible preservation and creative reuse, the Parker Flats complex has been recognized with a bevy of praise, including a 2009 design award from Residential Architect magazine and a recent award for excellence in historic resources from the D.C. Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Bonstra Haresign Architects (Bonstra.com) refurbished the Georgian Revival-style landmark Gage School, first completed in 1905, restoring the cornice, roof and framing, plus transforming the eight-classroom school into 35 units with 12-foot ceilings carefully placed between original masonry walls. "We wanted to make a clear separation between the original fabric and the new insertion," explains David Haresign, project principal. "The modern portions respect the primacy of the original space, and the original building is left rendered in original brick, cleaned up and exposed wherever possible."

Bonstra Haresign added two complementary adjacent buildings that house 57 additional condos. In addition to the building's historical appeal, Parker Flats offers residents an investment in the off-the-beaten-track neighborhood. "It had been abandoned for 30 years and was an eyesore — a derelict building," Haresign says. "By redeveloping it, the complex sparked new life into the neighborhood. The people who live there have a sense of pride in the building's character and history."

Units are available both in the Gage School and adjoining properties, including one- and two-bedroom units plus open lofts. Prices start at $289,000.

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DESIGN CRED: Secure supreme bragging rights by owning a condo in this Southwest building designed in the 1960s by international modernist superstar I.M. Pei (think the Louvre's glass pyramid and the National Gallery of Art's East Building). Bonus: The property has been newly retrofitted with an eco-friendly edge.

DETAILS: The centerpiece of a four-building residential complex designed by Pei, Waterfront Tower stands a block from the Waterfront-SEU Metro station and embodies the up-and-coming neighborhood's sense of rebirth (see: Nationals Stadium, under-construction Arena Stage, brewing redevelopment plans for the waterfront).

"These buildings were done in a time when modernism was starting to feel its oats," explains John Torti, the president of Silver Spring's Torti Gallas & Partners (Tortigallas.com), the firm that handled the project's top-to-bottom renovations. "They're an icon of the time and are very usable, well-designed buildings. Keeping old buildings and giving them new life is probably the most sustainable thing we could ever do."

The renovation focused on improving the building's energy efficiency — no easy task, considering each bright unit showcases floor-to-ceiling windows — while maintaining Pei's original floor plans. "The simplicity of the interior spaces is quite wonderful," Torti says, citing only minor tweaks, such as exposing kitchens to the living rooms to mirror today's more casual lifestyle.

Set to be move-in ready in December, the building is about half-sold, with prices starting at $250,900. Available units include junior, standard and executive one-bedroom units, and two bedrooms (studios are sold out). KATIE KNOROVSKY

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JASON HORNICK

Realtor Lindsay Dreyer says home buyer tax credits have convinced many to buy.

Score Savings On a Splurge

Local experts discuss how buyers can nab federal tax credits on their home purchase

Those aspiring to own real estate who didn't think they'd make the deadline for a tax credit now have 8,000 more reasons to buy: On Nov. 6, the government extended the $8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers for another six months — now, instead of expiring on Nov. 30, buyers have until April 30, 2010, to sign a contract for a home.

In addition, the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 authorized a tax credit of up to $6,500 for existing homeowners trading in for new digs. Both credits are aimed at getting people who would have bought a place in the next few years to hurry it up a little. The government's hoping that driving up home sales will help shore up the economy.

> "During the past year, 50 percent of my clients [decided to buy] because of the tax credit."
>
> —LINDSAY DREYER
> HOUNSHELL REAL ESTATE

We checked in with three people you'll be seeing a lot of if you decide to take advantage of these deals — a Realtor, a mortgage expert and an accountant — to find out how you can maximize your financial savings if you decide to buy.

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LINDSAY DREYER, Realtor with Hounshell Real Estate (Citychicrealestate.com, 202-470-0737)

How has the [first-time home buyer] tax credit affected your business?
I would say that during the past year, about 50 percent of my clients definitely got off the fence [and decided to buy] because of the credit.

So, was there a sense of panic among buyers, as the credit was set to expire on Nov. 30?
Yes. It's human nature to procrastinate; I would say in the past month or two there's definitely been an increase in people interested in purchasing. As far as inventory, compared to last year, I would say the quality and quantity have definitely gone down. If you find something in really great condition, priced well, it sells within a week and oftentimes there are three or four offers on the property. There are a lot of buyers out there, and they're always looking for a deal.

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Rookie home buyers now have until the end of April to qualify for a federal tax credit.

Why all the fuss over $8,000, anyway, when it's maybe 2 percent of the price of a home?
I think it depends on people's situation. As long as you're within the income limits, it's almost like free money. If you look at the average price range I'm working with — about $300,000 — that tax credit pays for four months of their mortgage. That's pretty decent. It could pay for furniture, anything. I would probably buy, too.

The credit is aimed at getting people to buy ... who were planning on buying within the next year or two. It's not necessarily convinced people who would never have thought about it.

JOHN GOULDING, regional sales manager at Wells Fargo's Fairfax office (Wellsfargo.com/mortgage)

How can buyers save a little bit of money, even without a tax credit?
One of the things that's very important is the customer should be aware of what their credit report looks like. That tells us what their ability to repay is, and it allows us to assess the risk associated with that client. I strongly recommend they meet with a home mortgage consultant, or loan officer, to go through the steps necessary to see what they could qualify for.

NO. 1, we look at credit scores. Better credit scores allow for better pricing, which may mean a lower payment over the loan.

No. 2 would be beginning to think about how much money [the buyer] needs for a down payment, and No. 3 would be to take a look at the monthly payment they're considering.

Then, most importantly, [the buyer should] make sure that the loan officer understands the customer's long-term goals.

What can buyers do to make sure the process goes smoothly at the first appointment?
If they set up an appointment, they need to bring their pay stubs, three months of bank statements, a copy of their credit report, if they have it, and anything else we need to be aware of that would enable us to make a financial decision. [That usually means] their employment history, what they have in credit, what more they need to save.

BRIAN DAVIS, D.C.-based certified public accountant (Briandaviscpa.com)

Let's say you spring for your first condo and want to receive a tax credit. What paperwork should you give your accountant in April?
Bring the settlement sheet, the HUD-1. And [for the other deductions] bring the mortgage interest statement you get from the bank — the 1098. And if your property taxes are not escrowed by the bank, you'll need your receipt for that.

Besides those federal credits, what other tax benefits come with owning a home or condo?
[Since mortgage interest is often what pushes a taxpayer's itemized deductions higher than his/her standard deduction,] homeownership usually opens up the ability to deduct other items: state income taxes, personal property tax and charitable contributions.

What kind of numbers are we talking about?
This is really hypothetical, but figure a $300,000 condo. Let's say you put 10 percent down, so you have a $270,000 mortgage with 6 percent interest over 30 years, or $1,618 a month. About 90 percent of that will be interest your first year, so you're looking at $17,000 in deductions. Compare that to your standard deduction. If you're married, the standard deduction is around $11,000 [resulting in a $6,000 deduction on your tax return]. RACHEL KAUFMAN

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WHEN YOU WERE A KID, practicing your John Hancock on frosted wintry windows was a time-honored tradition (when Mom wasn't looking). These days, though, the thrill has faded — not only are you the one who has to clean the windows, but more significantly, lingering dew signals inefficient windows and costly heating bills.

Olson

"As a country, we have to make every home efficient," says Cindy Olson, the vice president of D.C.-based sustainable consulting firm Eco-Coach (Eco-coach.com). This time of year, that means weatherizing your home, and it applies to condo dwellers every bit as much as it does to house owners.

Olson holds certifications in energy auditing, sustainable agriculture, holistic management and more, which equips her to teach sustainable practices for both the business and home fronts.

We asked Olson to share her essential tips to stay warm — and lower your heating bill — in your condo this winter. Winterizing your condo "costs under $100 and can make you so much more comfortable," she says.

You can find all of the products Olson recommends at environmentally friendly home decor store **GREATER GOODS** (Greatergoods.com, 1626 U St. NW, 202-449-6070) — that's where we assembled our list of prices. But Olson says you can also pick up these items at **LOGAN HARDWARE** (1416 P St. NW, 202-265-8900), **AMICUS GREEN BUILDING CENTER** (4080A Howard Ave., Kensington, Md., 301-571-8590) and chains such as **HOME DEPOT.**

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A display at Greater Goods includes many of the items Eco-Coach VP Cindy Olson recommends for weatherizing D.C. condos.

FREEBIES

A shopping trip doesn't hold all the answers to cold-weather conundrums in your condo or townhouse. Here are a few no-cost ways to weatherize your pad.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Residents of large condo buildings might not think they have much sway to exert when it comes to replacing outdated HVAC systems or too-thin windows. But Olson says big projects can be tackled as a community effort, by coaxing neighbors to lobby management or the condo board to upgrade the building's energy efficiency. Sweeten your pitch by showing the lengthy list of current tax incentives available for sustainable renovations (check out Energystar.gov for more details).

REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY

Set your ceiling fan to spin clockwise, on the low setting, during winter months. The no-cost tactic purifies the air by clearing floating dust and particles. It also makes the room more comfortable. "Instead of dissipating hot air during the summer, you're pushing the hot air back down so you feel warmer," Olson says.

Draft Picks

Though the need may feel more urgent come chilly winter nights, weather-stripping tape is a smart choice year-round. **(1) SELF-ADHESIVE FOAM TAPE** ($3) is a permanent way to cozy up the drafty cracks around doors and windows. Alternately, you can take **AIR-BLOCKING DRAFT GUARDS** ($10) and **DOOR SWEEPS** ($7) with you when it comes time to move out.

Use (AC) Protection

If the key to your summer survival is the cool air blasting from your window air conditioner, it's equally essential the unit is properly covered — or removed — during winter months. Use a sturdy polyethylene exterior **(2) AIR CONDITIONER COVER** to protect the equipment from the elements and reduce drafts; you can also double up with an indoor cover for extra coverage. To pinpoint the sources of drafts, check for light shining through on the sides, and plug cracks with **(3) SILICONE SEALANT** ($4.50).

Arm Your Windows

In a condo, the majority of unwanted cold air blows in through leaky windows. "If you find there's water — especially on the inside of the window or even the outside — that means there's a draft or current coming through," Olson explains. "The window becomes a conduit to catch moisture — and that's a problem." For a quick fix on a small- or medium-size window, apply a hefty layer of plastic via a **(4) SHRINK AND SEAL WINDOW INSULATION KIT** ($5). Large windows (wider than 3.5 feet) require more serious solutions, from thermal drapes and shades to **INSULATING WINDOW FILM** ($39). To install the latter, Olson suggests hiring a contractor to ensure the best results. And be sure to open blinds or drapes during daylight to best harness the warming power of the winter sun. KATIE KNOROVSKY

Recession Roomies

Spurred by financial hardships, more local homeowners try to rent out extra rooms

A one-bedroom apartment is not a lot of space for Julie Beers, her 2-year-old daughter, a golden retriever and a black Lab.

But Beers, 39, is hoping to find a roommate to move into the Annapolis apartment's bedroom who will pay $500 a month, with Beers and her daughter bedding down in the living room. Her rent is $1,180, and while unemployment checks do cover it, that doesn't leave much for food and gas.

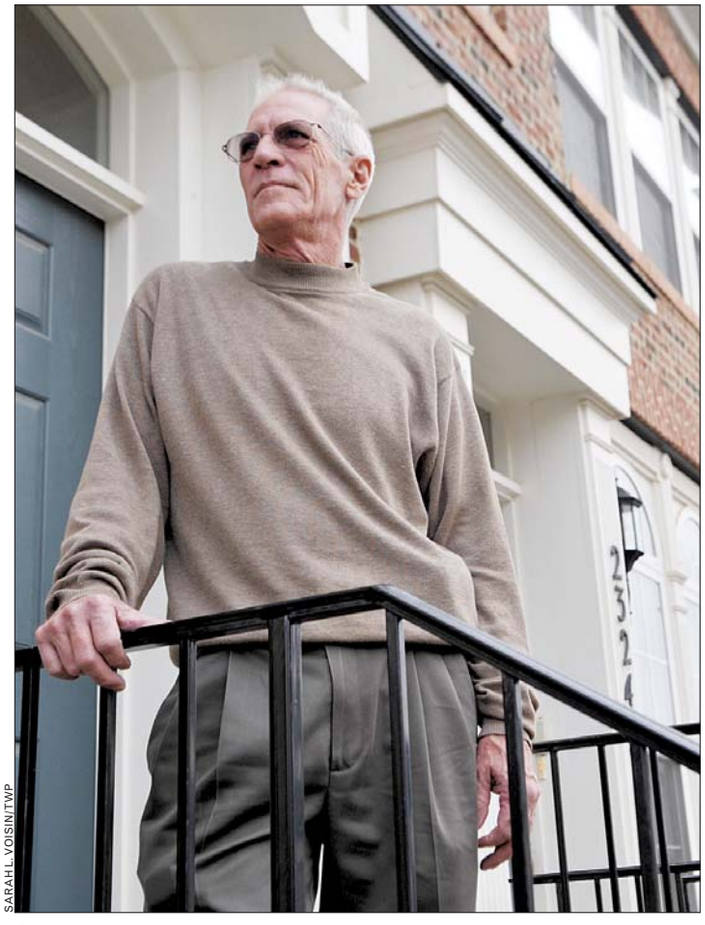
Beers worked as a sales and marketing director for a company that sells guides to yachtsmen and was laid off from that $60,000 job in February. Business dropped by 30 percent in the recession.

"I was able to afford day care and everything," she said of her old salary. "I'm applying for jobs that are so much less than I made," she said. Some pay as little as $12 an hour.

Beers has had two inquiries from prospective roommates, but she's scared — both were men. "I'm not sure what to do. I want to make sure I don't put my daughter in a position that's unsafe," she said.

In the District, the number of roommates grew by 18 percent from 2007 to 2008, to 33,171 people.

Two or more single people living together is part of the D.C.-area culture — has been for decades.



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Gene Bollinger began searching for roommates after he became unemployed.

The high housing costs and low salaries in the nonprofit sector and on Capitol Hill practically make it a necessity.

But for single mothers or older homeowners under financial stress, looking for "recession roommates" is a harder line to cross.

Nancy Coleman, 52, of Bristow, was not desperate for the money a roommate can bring. After all, her older daughter had lived rent-free with her for two years after she graduated from college.

But with that daughter getting married, and her youngest away at Old Dominion University, the house was echoingly empty. In January, Coleman started thinking about getting a roommate. She tried to find one through church and her social network. She looked at Craigslist twice without taking the next step — writing an ad.

"Oh, no, I can't do this," she recalled thinking.

But when her dog died, she decided to take the plunge, and she quickly found a woman who wanted to live with her in exchange for $500 a month.

"I got a roommate also for the money," she admitted, as her piano lessons and freelance bookkeeping work have been hurt by the recession. While usually she had 20 to 25 piano students, now she has 16. She used to have part-time bookkeeping jobs and decided to do freelance work last year, "right when the economy went down the tubes." She said, "I just assumed I would have all the work I wanted."

> **"I'm not sure there are that many people out there just looking for a room."**
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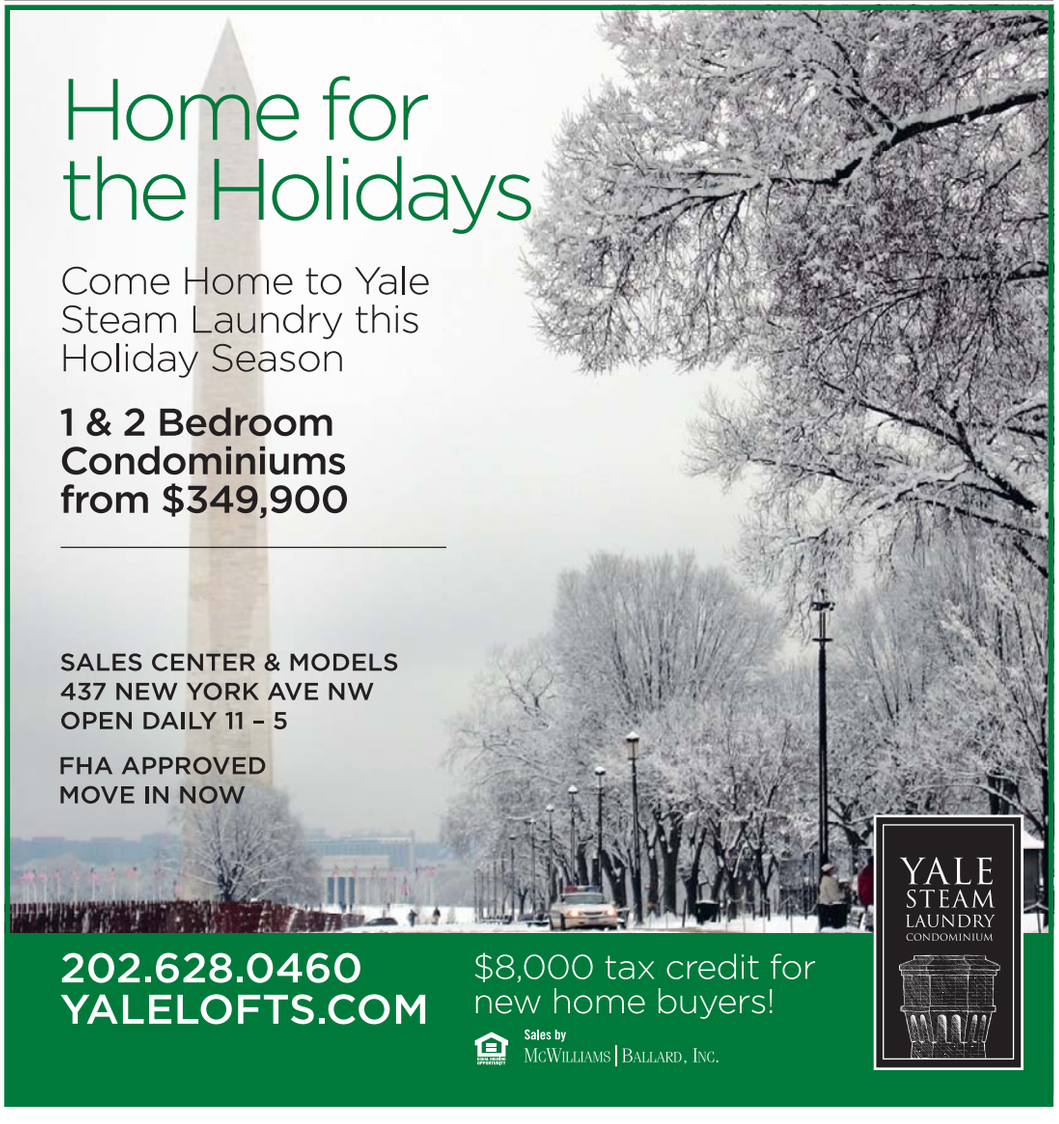
> —GENE BOLLINGER
> RENTS OUT ROOMS IN HIS HOUSE

It turns out she and her new roommate have some mutual acquaintances, and she is pleased



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Gene Bollinger lowers a blind in one of the rooms he is renting to a roommate in his townhouse in Clarksburg, Md. Finding tenants was harder than he expected.

Without income from three roommates, Bollinger won't be able to pay his mortgage.

with how well it's working out. "I went into it with the hopes it would bless me and also the other person, which is why the rent is so low," she said.

But Gene Bollinger is having a harder time filling his Clarksburg townhouse.

Bollinger, 58, bought the place in December 2006. Without income from roommates, he will not be able to pay his mortgage with only unemployment income. He was a project manager for a development company until November 2008.

Even though he knows he has to do this to hold on to his house, it was a hard decision. He thought for months about "how it might change my lifestyle."

For three weeks, he ran ads offering a master suite at $700 a month, a medium-size room at $500 a month, and a small unfurnished room for $300 a month.

Several of the responses he got were scams, and one of the other men who showed interest decided he wanted to be closer to College Park.

Finding a roommate has been harder than he expected. "I'm not sure there's that many people out there just looking for a room," he said.

Eventually he did find roommates for the $700 and $300 rooms, but he is still looking for someone to take the third one.

For single mothers or older homeowners, actively looking for roommates is a difficult line to cross.

"If it works out, they can stay for quite some time, even after I get a job," Bollinger said. "I could use the additional income to catch up."

A Craigslist spokeswoman said roommate listings are up 20 percent this year in the Washington metro area, but it's not possible to

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Even after he finds another job, Bollinger says his three tenants can probably stay.

Rental Rookies

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determine whether that indicates that more rooms are available or that there are more re-listings of ads after the first posting doesn't succeed.

According to census surveys taken in 2008, more than 208,000 Marylanders lived as roommates, and 56 percent of them lived with single parents or married couples. In Virginia, 268,900 people shared housing, and 50 percent lived with married couples or single parents.

In the District the number of roommates grew by 18 percent from 2007 to 2008, to 33,171 people. But more than 60 percent of shared households there are traditional pairs or groups of singles.

Elizabeth King, 24, fits that profile, and she's been sharing a townhouse in Centreville since January with two roommates, each paying about $500 a month.

But even this group has been touched by the recession. First, four months after the trio moved in, they started getting foreclosure notices addressed to their landlord. Then, King's human resources job at Northrop Grumman vanished at the end of August. "I was making about $46,000. I was doing pretty well," King said. But with no college degree, her interviews for other HR jobs didn't result in any offers. "I ended up going back to a job I had when I was 20," at Blockbuster, where, as a shift leader, she makes $9.73 an hour.

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Because a new owner bought the foreclosed Centreville townhouse at the end of August, King found a two-bedroom apartment for $1,200 a month in Chantilly. But her current roommates are getting married, so she needs to find someone to share it with.

If she can't find someone, she'll have to send her dog to live with one of her former roommates and move back in with her mother.

"I knew I was going to lose my job, but losing my job and my home at the same time, that hit me," King said. MARA LEE (FOR THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Renovation Renaissance

Rehabbing a historic house can score you a stylish and storied place to call home

For some aspiring homeowners, phrases like "as is" or "fixer-upper" sound as ominous as "termite infestation" or "nuclear power plant views." Still, there are many nesters itching to rehab a Queen Anne on the Hill or a Federal rowhouse in Old Town, creaky floors, tiny closets and decrepit bathrooms be damned. Ingrid Abramovitch's book, "Restoring a House in the City" ($40, Artisan), stakes a claim that older homes can be livable and lovely. We chatted with her about the book, which chronicles hot properties from D.C. to Brooklyn.

Abramovitch

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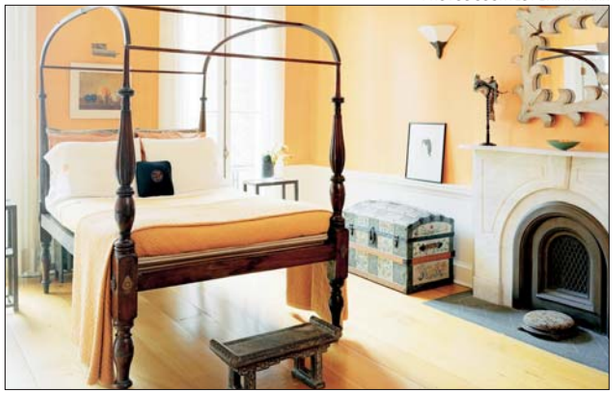

THIS OLD ROWHOUSE: "Restoring a House in the City" shows off renovated properties including Darryl Carter's D.C. manse (kitchen, left), a circa-1865 Brooklyn Heights brownstone (top right) that mixes modern decor with traditional architecture and a Boston Greek Revival townhouse (bottom right) decked out Old World style.

What's the siren call of owning an older home?

People recognize that they just don't build houses like these anymore. These places were made by hand, by craftsmen who used exquisite materials, like first-growth wood paneling. They're gorgeous. It's so short-sighted when people remove things like that due to current fashion.

How can you update an old house without destroying its soul?

It's a question everyone who undertakes a restoration needs to ask. But I don't think there's a cardinal sin when restoring a house, except thinking that older houses are museum pieces and that they can't be relevant to modern life.

When do you know that a house is too "as is" to fix up?

Well, if the house speaks to you, go for it. But get a really good inspection done before committing. Try to find out what the budget will be for the things that'll need fixing. But you have to realize it isn't easy to renovate! I didn't even renovate my house, but it has constant issues — we've repointed the bricks, replaced the front door and done the floors.

What areas do people update?

Everyone wants a new kitchen and bathroom. I don't think people feel as guilty about doing these renovations, because some of these houses never had bathrooms to begin with. Choices people make are interesting. One homeowner put in a bathroom in what used to be a bedroom; some people return houses to the original layout and put the kitchen on the main floor.

The owners of a 1763 Philly rowhouse decorated it in a cheeky modern way.

What sort of design challenges do townhouses present?

So many! I live in one now, and like everyone who does, I think about light issues. These houses are often tall and skinny with windows on the front and back, so you have this whole core that doesn't get light. You have to bring it in by building an addition with glass walls, or by using artificial light.

Any other challenges when furnishing older rowhouses?

In rooms with high ceilings, I think scale is always a huge issue. Those rooms can take really big pieces, because if the furniture is too small there, it'll be dwarfed.

You feature one D.C. home in the book, the Embassy Row mansion of interior designer Darryl Carter. What drew you to it?

It was the whole story of Embassy Row, which was emblematic of many neighborhoods in the book. It's full of all these houses that would've been torn down if they hadn't been taken over by embassies. And now some people are turning them back into private homes, which is pretty glorious.

Does the decor have to match the period of the house?

No, I think you can have a contrast between old and new. They bring out the best in each other. Still, I think design is moving in a direction where we're embracing a turn-of-the-last-century style. And I've seen gorgeous houses that stay true to their period. You learn a lot by seeing how the house would've felt originally. For instance, I love that Carter furnishes his house with antiques, but it doesn't look like a museum. He lightens it up, so it's traditional without being cobwebby. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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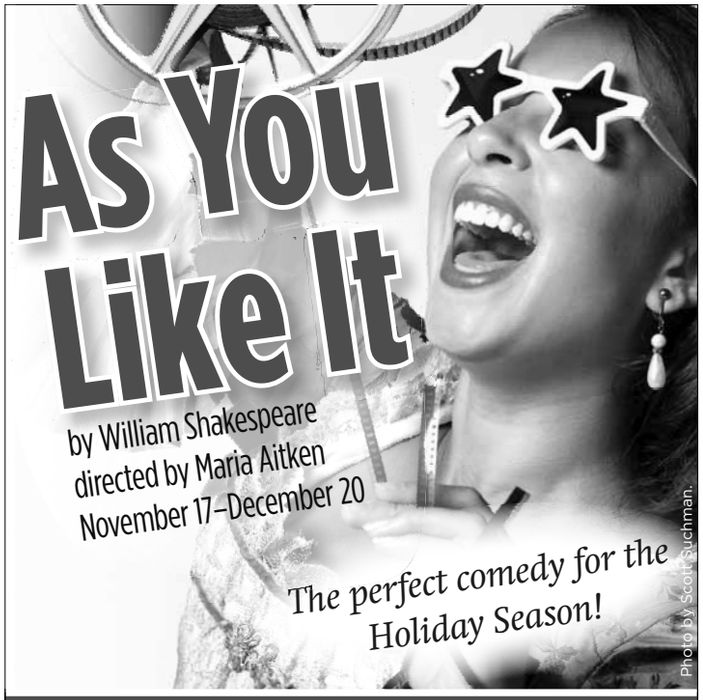

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D.C.'s Olivia Wilde has tackled the teen market (as Alex on "The O.C."), the prime-time drama (as Thirteen on "House") and the Hollywood blockbuster (next year's anticipated "Tron Legacy"). But she takes an indie turn with her new film, "Fix," directed by and co-starring her husband, Tao Ruspoli. The actress — and daughter of veteran news journalists — chats about working with a spouse and coming home for the holidays.

Tell us about "Fix."
I like to describe the film as a dark comedy, a road movie and a story about a family. It's about two brothers, one of whom has 12 hours to get his brother to rehab, or else he'll have to go to jail for seven or eight years. It involves this wild odyssey through Los Angeles, where they encounter all these different characters.

Was it difficult to work alongside your husband?
It was fun! The great thing about working with someone that you're involved with romantically and whom you respect and admire is that you trust them. I really felt very safe in Tao's hands and very free to take risks. I think that's when actors can really thrive.

You grew up in Georgetown. Do you come back here often?
I'll actually be back for Thanksgiving to see my family. Every time I visit, I'm struck by what a beautiful city it is. Whenever I meet other people in Los Angeles who also grew up in D.C., we have an immediate connection and camaraderie. It's a very cool place to be from.

Now you live in Venice, Calif., which seems like the opposite of D.C.
I actually settled in Venice because it's the most East Coast of all the L.A. neighborhoods. It's a pedestrian place — you walk or bike to the bank, the post office, the gym. Unlike other parts of L.A., you actually know your neighbors. There's a real sense of community here.

> "The idea that the paparazzi might 'catch' me looking sloppy, silly or fat is ridiculous. I'm only human."

Do you enjoy the red carpet aspect of being a celebrity?
We dress up so much in this business — I'm always getting gussied up for something or other. I like to be experimental, take risks and learn about the designers because, of course, they're artists, too. I don't obsess over it, but I certainly appreciate the chance to wear some of these beautiful things.

Is it annoying to be photographed so often?
Actors are not politicians. We're not claiming to be perfect; in fact, quite the opposite. We're eccentrics, artists, people who like to play. The idea that the paparazzi might "catch" me looking sloppy, silly or fat is ridiculous. I have nothing to hide; if someone gets a picture of me spilling on myself, well, I'm only human. As an actor, my only job is to be human.

On the plus side, you've started popping up on best-dressed lists.
I would never want the pressure of being any sort of fashion icon. People must always expect you to always look fabulous, and I am nowhere near that. One night I could be wearing a beautiful Marchesa dress, but the next morning, I'm schlepping around in painting jeans and a T-shirt. BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

EVENT HORIZON **Go homemade for the holidays** with finds from the D.C. Craft Mafia's Holiday Heist sale (Sat., 12-6 p.m., the Soundry, 316 Old Dominion Road, Vienna, Va.; Craftmafiadc.com). About 40 area vendors will hawk gifty handmade wares, including modish botanical silver jewelry from Beth Pohlman, screen-printed tees by Yinibini and retro-patterned handbags from Holland Cox.

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Batting Power

THE UNOFFICIAL mascara guidebook suggests (A) a single swipe of the wand for a downplayed daytime look, or (B) multiple coats for Twiggy-esque evening eyes. But try to go from A to B before that after-work event and you'll quickly end up with (C) weird clumping and wayward, stuck-together lashes. Bobbi Brown's new Extreme Party mascara ($22, department stores) was crafted specifically for easy re-application, so you can amp up your eyes — even hours after the first lashful — without making a gunky mess of your makeup.

Grab Bag

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A Fresh Tote

HAUTE HANDBAG designer Danielle DiFerdinando grew up in the D.C. suburbs, but her line of chic carryalls, Danielle Nicole, feels thoroughly citified. The New York-based designer, whose standout pieces include the patent and leather Melanie tote (shown, $495, Danielle-nicole.com), hosts trunk shows Nov. 25, 11-4 p.m. at Daisy Too (4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-2280) and Nov. 28, 2-6 p.m. at Bloomingdale's (5300 Western Ave., Chevy Chase; 240-744-3700).

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CALL BRIE, CHEVRE and their fromage cousins the rock stars of the holiday appetizer buffet, likely to induce idolatry and swooning. But carbs served alongside the stinky stuff don't usually inspire excitement. ("Ritz again; how brilliant!"). Daelia's Biscuits for Cheese ($5 for 4 oz., Whole Foods), however, create a conundrum. The thin, raisin- and almond-loaded crackers taste so good on their own, guests may snarf them without realizing they also work as a crispy foil to almost any cheese.

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A Class Menagerie

DISNEY PRINCESS chairs and Transformer toys incite glee in toddlers. But such plastic, made-in-China detritus clashes with Mom and Dad's Eames chairs, and it doesn't do Junior favors either. With bObles foam furniture-cum-playthings ($39-$499, 2modern.com), kids get to rock on green elephants (shown, $139), climb on blue crocodiles and sit on yellow pigs. The idea: to improve children's motor skills and give their playrooms a jolt of mod style.

Sit Here, Mister Gobbles

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EVERYONE COMING TO Thanksgiving dinner expects a table decorated with baby pumpkins and those bizarre, hard, multicolored ears of corn. (Did they get that way though genetic modification, from farmer voodoo or what?) Co Co. Sala's milk or dark chocolate turkey place card holders ($4 each, 929 F St. NW; 202-347-4265) serve as a more unusual — and yummier — statement, and they probably won't end up in the composter. The downtown loco-for-cocoa cafe also offers after-feast treats to go, including maple pumpkin pies and chocolate pumpkin seed bark.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

My boyfriend invited me to spend Thanksgiving with his family in rural Kentucky. This is my first meeting with his "kinfolk," and while I know he is exaggerating when he describes their country ways, I'm still worried. What should I wear? — MEREDITH

■ Manolo says, the Manolo is sorry, but whenever he hears the words "kinfolk" and "Kentucky," he thinks of the movie entitled "Next of Kin," in which Bill Paxton, Liam Neeson and the late Patrick Swayze play three hillbilly brothers from deepest Appalachia. (Even the Manolo, whose English is not so good, could tell that everybody was faking the accent.)

In any event, the Manolo takes away two important lessons about rural Kentucky from watching this piece of cinematic flapdoodle.

The first is do not mess with the kinfolks, lest the hillbillies come after you with their antique shotguns, crossbows, bowie knives and rattlesnakes.

The second is always be polite to rural people, or as the great Monday Night Philosopher Hank the Bocephus Williams Jr. says about the country boys, "We say grace and we say ma'am, and if you ain't into that we don't understand."

As for what to wear, the Manolo suggests the Betty T-Strap from Frye ($155, Zappos.com) as being the shoe sturdy enough for the country road and yet not inappropriate for Thanksgiving dinner or church on Sunday.

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FOOD FOR THE MADDING CROWD

Big-bird dinners for your ginormous family. Sunday brunches for a zillion co-workers. New Year's drinks for a mob. During this season of hosting, entertaining on a grand scale might seem more folly than jolly. ►

► But having a crowd over should be about bringing loved ones together, not freaking out about whether you have enough stuffing for everyone, says Eric Ziebold, chef at CityZen (1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-787-6006). "When you welcome people for a family-style meal, everyone wants to be in the spirit of eating, not stressing."

Whether you're hosting a holiday feast for Kate Gosselin and kids or a spirited Sunday supper for 45, the recipe for success is the same: Balance the workload so you make something delicious and still see guests. The goal: you sitting down at the table, not slaving over a tray of Beef Wellingtons for 200.

Procrastination may be your modus operandi for gift-buying, but if guests are coming tomorrow, you should've started prepping for dinner three days ago, or, heck, last week. "Do as much ahead of time as possible," says Lisa Schroeder, author of "Mother's Best: Comfort Food That Takes You Home Again" ($28, Taunton Press). "The advantage of cooking ahead? You deal with disasters in advance. You want to celebrate, not be stuck in a kitchen."

Not surprisingly, that's why Thanksgiving and yuletide menus traditionally star dishes that can be assembled in sizable quantities. "For execution, it's advantageous to do a large roast as your main course. If you're cooking something big like a ham or turkey, it can come out of the oven to rest for a while as you get everything else finished," Ziebold explains.

But a bird or beast needn't headline every party. "I'm a big fan of casseroles and things that can be set up or re-warmed with a high time tolerance," Ziebold says. That doesn't mean resurrecting mom's infamous Tuna Noodle Surprise, either. Chef Scott Drewno

TIP

Dinner parties aren't just about food. "Don't forget ambiance," says D.C. party planner Maria Cooke. "Arrange seating that'll stimulate conversation. Keep a big fire crackling, dim the lighting and create cozy spots for people to mingle."

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HOW MUCH HOOCH?

If a horde is coming over for supper, how much wine will you need? If you're pouring vino, count on half a bottle per person per two hours of fete time, unless your posse likes to play F. Scott Fitzgerald Goes to the Dinner Party. For beer, think two to three bottles per guest.

of the Source (555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-637-6100) serves spicy noodle dishes for family-style meals at the restaurant. Schroeder whips up a savory onion pudding spiked with bacon or heaps of cheese.

Soups also go a long way. And, yeah, some of the best crowd-stuffers (hello, enchiladas, lasagna or more exotic Med cousins such as Greek pastitio and Turkish moussaka) show that flavor can trump style when you're feeding more than a few.

It's always good to test a recipe at least once before putting it on the marquee at your place, unless you're adept at home-shucked raw oysters or flambéed Crepes Suzette.

Another key to dinner party success: Keeping in mind that a big group, like a big country, has a variety of tastes and opinions. That means having dishes to satisfy both your red state, red meat-loving uncle and your vegan PETA pals who RSVPed "yes."

Vary the type of food prep, both for taste and to give yourself a break at the stove. "I pick different temperature profiles — some items at room temperature, some cold dishes and other foods hot," Drewno says. "You can refrigerate salads and prep room-temperature dishes early, then focus on hot food." Just try to disperse the dishes over the course of the meal so that your guests don't get a culinary cold rush.

Hot food made in advance can be warmed just before serving. Or, choose dishes that go in an electric fondue pot, a chafing dish or a slow-cooker set on low.

And while presenting each guest a plate — maybe from under one of those fancy domes, like a cruise ship waiter — sounds elegant, it's not practical. Instead, think family style and have guests serve themselves and pass plates around the table.

"Sharing and passing sides involves everyone in the meal. It's more intimate when I'm serving to the person next to me and food is being handed around," Ziebold says. He recommends sides that can be prepared in large batches, say sautéed spinach, cold beet salad or an industrial-sized Pyrex bowl of scalloped potatoes.

And while laying in a case of Chateau de Obscure Corner of France isn't a bad idea for a massive dinner, you don't have to abandon the concept of a signature cocktail. Just pick a highball that can be mixed in high quantities. "For big gatherings at the holidays, there's nothing better than punch or large bowls of eggnog or mulled wine," says Derek Brown, founder of Better Drinking catering service (Better-drinking.com) and bartender at the new Passenger/Columbia Room (1021 Seventh St. NW; 202-393-0220). "That's something you can make in a big batch. Then you don't have to fuss for each person."

When he doesn't want to serve from a punch bowl, Brown leaves instructions, hooch and measured ingredients so that guests can help themselves to a personalized sip.

"Communal dining is fun but chaotic," Drewno says. "As long as you watch your fingers grabbing for the good stuff, you'll have a good time." ERIN HARTIGAN

TIP

People will gather where the food is. "Have nibbles, finger food, nuts and cocktails at the ready," says cookbook author Lisa Schroeder. "I welcome guests with a bar with ice, mixers and hors d'oeuvres."

CROWD CONTROL

Ice cubes melt quickly, diluting punch bowls. Bar pro Derek Brown suggests filling a rubber Bundt pan with water, adding berries and freezing it. Once popped out, he says, the ice ring, "looks cool and won't water down a drink."

Get creative with serving wear. Ask guests to BYOP (plate). "Renting plates is the eco- and budget-friendly way to go," says Cooke. "You can get anything from an intricate design to classic white china plates from party rental companies such as Party Rental LTD DC (Dcrental.com)." Or, hit the thrift store for fancy-yet-frugal glassware, particularly champagne stems. And if you need a fondue pot for 40 and a pal owns one, borrow it instead of investing in that fancy one from Le Creuset.

Don't try to force your space. "If you don't have enough table seating in one area, group folks in different areas at smaller tables," says Maria Cooke, founder of D.C.'s Ritzy Bee Events. "Just be sure to keep guests' comfort in mind. You don't want them to have to eat soup off their laps!" Or, if you lack loads of seating (or apartment square footage), consider hosting an all-finger-food fete.

When dinner's over, send guests on their way with a good taste in their mouths. "Create a hot chocolate to-go station with cups, toppings and cookies for them to enjoy on the cold walk or drive home," Cooke says.

STRIKE THE POSIES

Don't deck the dinner table with bouquets that'll block views of other guests or encroach on plates and glassware. (Blooms shouldn't go too near candles, either, fire-starter.) "Consider a big arrangement in a front entrance or on a buffet," says party pro Maria Cooke.

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nightlife agenda

SATURDAY

Over the course of 30 years, hip-hop has moved from being a curiosity to being a ubiquitous force throughout the world, for better and sometimes for worse. "The Greatest Hip-Hop Cover Story Ever Told" aims to chart this path with a multimedia production that features the most Washington hip-hop talents ever amassed on one stage. From street-oriented rappers such as Laelo Hood to socially focused performers such as Hueman Prophets, this show's cast of artists is as communal as it is ambitious. See the show at **DANCE PLACE**.

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Artist Tabi Bonney is one of many who will pay tribute to hip-hop on Saturday.

There are your hip-hop and '80s tunes, but when it comes down to classic party music — the kind that gets people singing along and leaping up to dance — it's hard to beat '60s girl groups, old Motown cuts and stirring soul. DJs Mad Squirrel and Rob J. have taken this formula, tossed in funk and fuzzy up-tempo garage rock, and they've had a good time with a monthly night called Party Lights in Cafe Saint-Ex's basement. Now they're movin' on up to the **BLACK CAT'S BACKSTAGE**, which promises more room to dance when the Ronettes and Shangri-Las records drop. Even better news: It's still free.

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at **washingtonpost.com/gog**

Bella, left, and Edward, right, will sigh, suffer and stare; Jacob will bare his abs; various other vampires will be good, bad or both — and then there will be a third movie!

Eternal Love, Boredom

'New Moon' will tire non-'Twilight' fans but delight legions of devoted Twihards

'NEW MOON'

- **DIRECTOR:** Chris Weitz
- **STARS:** Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner (left), Kristen Stewart
- **IN A NUTSHELL:** Edward dumps Bella; Bella seeks solace in werewolf Jacob.
- **FOR FANS OF:** Pop-culture phenomena hyped months in advance, longing stares

MONSTERS | Where would Hollywood be without that old standby, the vampire-werewolf-schoolgirl love triangle?

As every Stephenie Meyer fan knows, "New Moon" is the one where vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) dumps human girlfriend Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) for her own safety. She turns to chum Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) for solace, unaware that he's a werewolf and, therefore, Edward's sworn enemy.

For anyone who has not sworn the blood oath of undying allegiance to all things "Twilight," here's a few issues with "New Moon": It's really two half-moons, or two halves of a movie that don't quite fit. Mopey teenage Bella has all the luster of, well, a mopey teenager. The real rivalry between the werewolves and vampires is to see which species can behave with greater preposterousness and pretension.

"New Moon" shares its predecessor's brooding, diary-of-a-mad-girl tone. Bella starts her senior year in the worst way as Edward breaks up with her.

> "It's really two half-moons, or two halves of a movie that don't quite fit."

Months of pining and bad dreams eventually are eased as she starts hanging out with Jacob, who misses no opportunity to show off his Olympian pecs and abs.

Bella's timing stinks, though, because Jacob's just entering wolfman puberty. Suddenly, he's running with a pack of werewolf brethren, and he pushes Bella away just as Edward did — for her own protection.

So, she mopes some more.

The soap-opera melodrama of Stewart, Pattinson and Lautner's performances provides some unintentional laughs that lighten the movie's relentless gloom.

Yet Bella is just a drag to be around. With her flat speech and listless presence, it's unfathomable how two sets of monsters could fixate so completely on her.

All three lovers are so joyless, it's hard to imagine why any of them would want to spend eternity together.

They're here for two more movies, though. And that sounds like a real eternity. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

DEALS **MTV Actually Airs Music** The network that introduced millions to Michael Jackson will air his final performance. MTV Networks has acquired the exclusive U.S. TV rights to air the documentary "Michael Jackson's This Is It." Though the film wasn't the blockbuster smash some anticipated, the concert movie did well at the box office and should prove of high interest to viewers of MTV. Sister networks such as VHI, BET and Palladia will also have the rights to air the film. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

Teens: It's in Their Blood

Loving 'Twilight's' heartthrobs is a time-tested rite of passage for girls

FANDOM | Fifteen-year-old Chloe Bates is in love with Taylor Lautner, one of the stars of the "Twilight" films. And she's not alone.

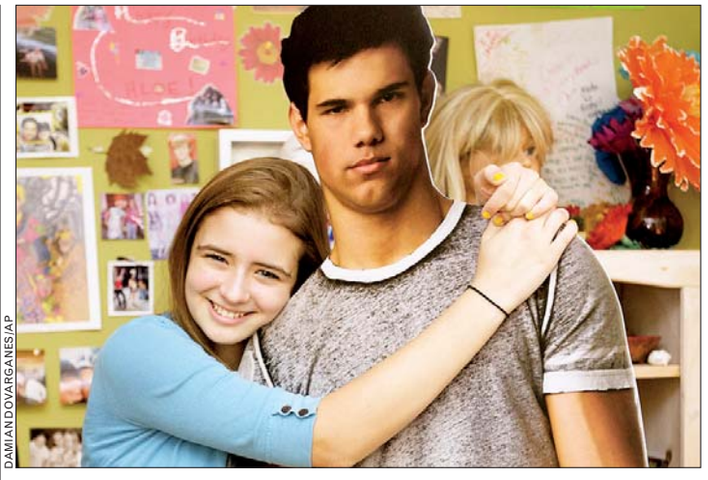
Girls have been falling in love with movie stars since the dawn of cinema. When teens became Tinseltown's prime marketing target, Hollywood delivered handsome heartthrobs any girl could love.

James Dean. Frankie Avalon. David Cassidy. Rick Springfield. Johnny Depp. For Chloe's generation, it's Lautner and Robert Pattinson of "Twilight."

These girls are participating in a uniquely female rite of passage: the birth of romantic fantasy.

"They're practicing feelings of love and attachment and attraction and romance," says Los Angeles psychologist Wendy Walsh. "These are all new feelings, and what a safe way to play them out — in the privacy of their own room with a poster of Taylor Lautner."

Pattinson and Lautner are cut from the same heartthrob cloth as their predecessors: smooth-faced, wholesome boys who are just a touch away from attainable.



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"Twilight" fan Chloe Bates, 15, bonds with her cardboard version of Taylor Lautner.

Heidi Hurst of teen pinup magazine Tiger Beat notes that since the magazine was established in 1965, the guys on its pages have been "non-threatening, more on the boyish side of good looks."

Past heartthrob Rick Springfield says he never believed his adolescent female followers were attracted to him sexually: "If they were confronted with this older man and they saw all this body hair and whiskers, they'd probably completely gross out."

He theorizes that fans are responding to fledgling feelings of attraction they can't yet define. "They're just letting out all this new energy that they're discovering," he says. SANDY COHEN (AP)

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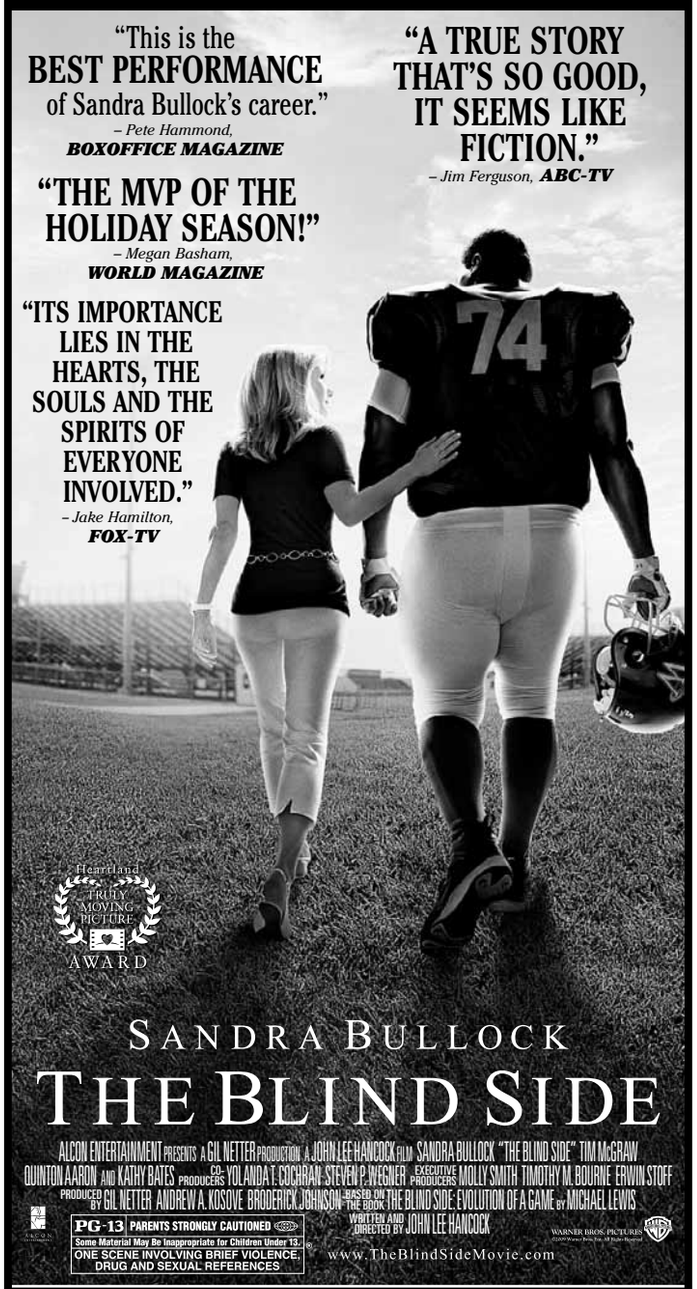

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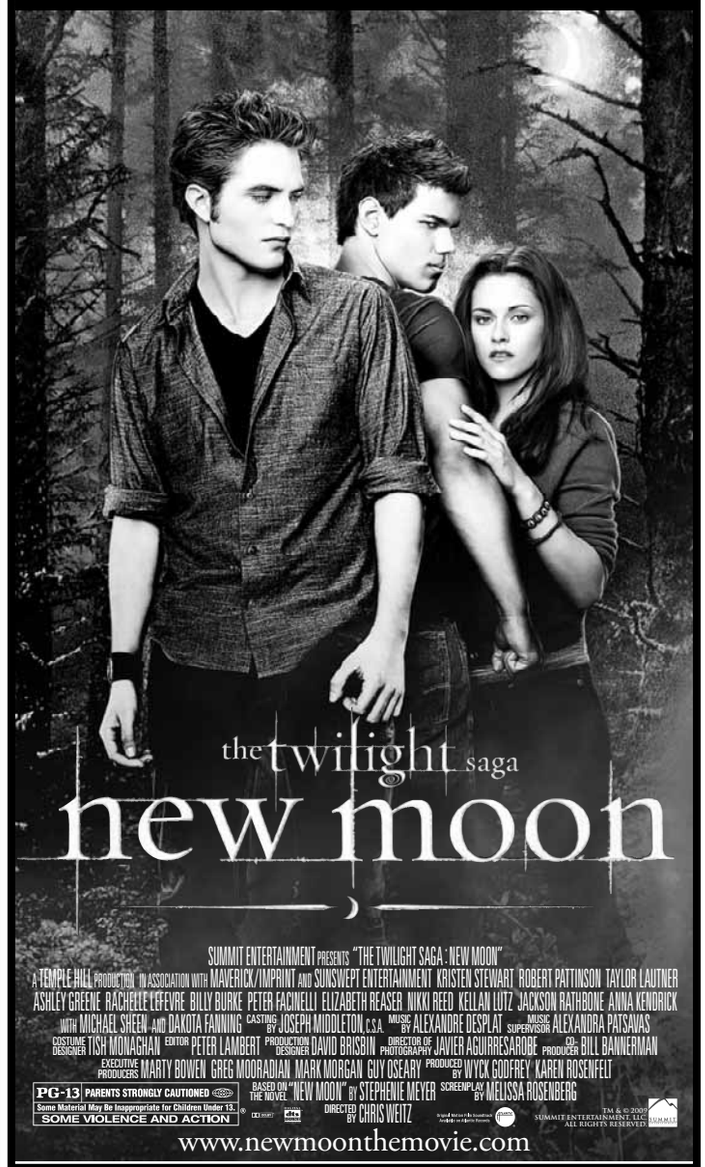

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AMELIA (PG, 111 minutes) As the film opens, with Amelia Earhart (Hilary Swank) about to set off on what was to be her last global adventure, who can't see how it's all going to end? Not that there isn't loads of inherent drama in this life story. The proto-feminist flier had to overcome enormous sexism just to be taken seriously in the cockpit. Would that the film had taken as many risks as Earhart. (MO)

AN EDUCATION (PG-13, 100 minutes) Sixteen-year-old Jenny (Carey Mulligan) lives in London with her anxious, ambitious parents, who are channeling all their postwar striving into aspirations for their bright, pretty daughter. Jenny is headed to Oxford and, presumably, better things when she crosses paths with David (Peter Sarsgaard), a handsome older man who takes her under his wing and shows her the finer things in life: art, music, good food and the silky, slippery slope of seduction. (AH)

THE BOX (PG-13, 116 minutes) In Richard Kelly's adaptation of a Richard Matheson story, NASA scientist Arthur Lewis (James Marsden) and his wife, Norma (Cameron Diaz), are snug in their beds one day in 1976 when they receive at their door a box with a bright red button. Later, they're visited by a man (Frank Langella) who informs her that if she and Arthur press the button, someone in the world — someone they don't know, he's quick to add — will die, and they will receive a million dollars. (AH)

A CHRISTMAS CAROL (PG, 96 minutes) The umpteenth iteration of the holiday classic gets a manic makeover under the direction of Robert Zemeckis, who applies the same motion-capture animation he used to mixed effect in "The Polar Express" to create a fable that is by turns antic, scary, sweet and, in the end, slightly soulless. Just because something can be done with computers doesn't mean it should be. (MO)

CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG, 81 minutes) It's true that any film that crams so many jokes into its brief running time risks making audiences feel as overstuffed as if they'd just eaten a school-size pancake. That's why it's a lucky thing that so many of the jokes are great! (DK)

COCO BEFORE CHANEL (PG-13, 110 minutes) As the film opens, two young girls

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Gabourey Sidibe is Precious, who finds her voice in an alternative education class.

are being deposited by their father at an orphanage in France in the late 19th century. They are Gabrielle (Audrey Tautou) and Adrienne Chanel, who, as grown women, take up singing in cafes and pursuing wealthy men as a means of getting on in the world. (AH)

THE FOURTH KIND (PG-13, 98 minutes) Someone — or something — has been terrorizing the people of Nome, Alaska, in this unintentionally silly thriller about alien abduction whose title is the only thing it has over the classic "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The biggest problem with the movie: Nothing ever really happens. We never actually see the aliens. Nor do we ever see what exactly they do to their victims. (MO)

GOOD HAIR (PG-13, 95 minutes) "Daddy, how come I don't have good hair?" It might be the most loaded and universal question within the black community. And it's the question — asked by his then-5-year-old daughter — that propels comedian Chris Rock throughout a hilariously funny documentary. Rock did not have an answer for his daughter, so he embarked on a madcap tour through beauty and barber shops, the Bronner Bros. Hair Show and finally India, where the most coveted source material for hair extensions is grown. (AH)

THE INFORMANT! (R, 108 minutes) Steven Soderbergh delivers a cool, slyly funny psychological caper in which the true-life tale of a corporate whistleblower is extruded through Soderbergh's dry sense of satire and nostalgia for 1970s cinema style into a nifty, if a bit bloodless, bagatelle. A virtually unrecognizable Matt Damon plays Mark Whitacre , who in the 1990s exposed price fixing at Archer Daniels Midland, where he worked as a high-level executive. (AH)

LAW ABIDING CITIZEN (R, 108 minutes) This preposterous exercise in high-minded brutality begins with a brutal rape and double murder by baseball-bat wielding thugs. Ten years later, Clyde Shelton (Gerard Butler), the man whose wife and daughter were slain, exacts revenge on the paroled killer, his accomplice and every government official in Philadelphia. (DK)

THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (R, 95 minutes) You'd have to be out of your mind to object to watching George Clooney — in full Clark Gable mode, no less — for an hour and a half. But he's part of the problem with this wartime satire that glides along with an easy, slightly gonzo grin on its face but never quite goes anywhere. Clooney is admittedly appealing but oddly miscast as Lyn Cassady, a former soldier who was recruited to a top-secret psyops outfit trying to harness supernatural powers. Ewan McGregor plays a journalist who embeds with Cassady, a psychic master now working as a private contractor, on an Iraq war mission. (AH)

THE MESSENGER (R, 105 minutes) In modern warfare, which is more powerful: the IED or the NOK? That's the question posed by this drama about a young army officer assigned to deliver death notices to soldiers' next of kin ("NOKs" in military parlance) while home recovering from injuries — both physical and psychological — that he suffered because of an Iraqi improvised explosive device. (MO)

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R, 99 minutes) This genuinely chilling, low-budget indie

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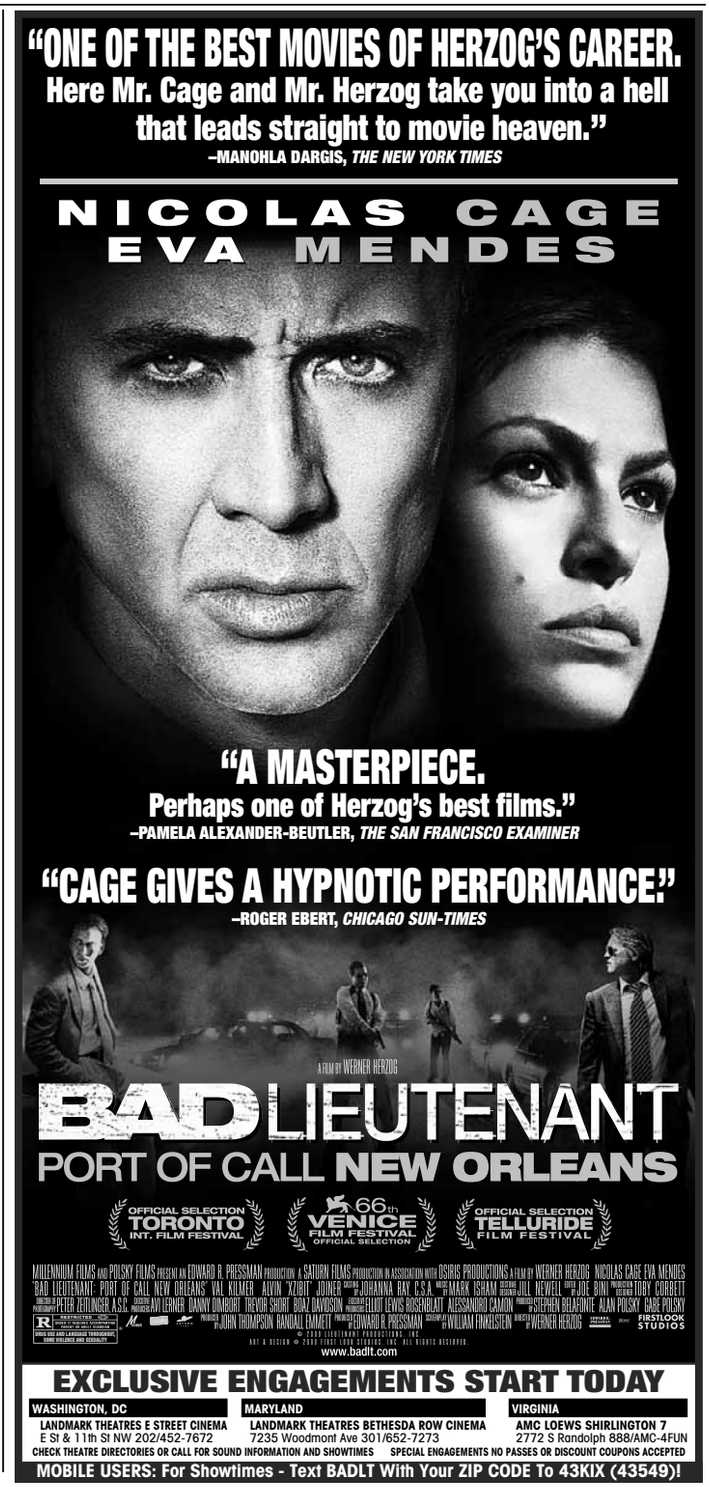

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tells the story of a demonic force plaguing a young woman and, by extension, her boyfriend within the claustrophobic walls of their sparsely furnished San Diego home. "You can't run from this," a psychic helpfully tells Katie (Katie Featherston). Micah (Micah Sloat) responds by setting up a video camera to document exactly what happens each night when they tuck into their comfy, king-sized bed. JEN CHANEY

PIRATE RADIO (R, 120 minutes) In mid-1960s England, official British radio was under the monopoly of the BBC, which played precious little of anything anyone actually wanted to hear. In response, enterprising broadcasters set up offshore radio stations that would spin the latest tunes around the clock. Dubbed Radio Rock, the floating station's on-air talent pool includes headliner Gavin (Rhys Ifans), a prototypic Howard Stern, and a lineup of colorfully nicknamed characters, including the Count (Philip Seymour Hoffman), the station's lone American, who lives to see how many f-bombs he can get on the air. (MO)

PRECIOUS (R, 109 minutes) Gabourey Sidibe inhabits the title character, Precious Jones, a morbidly obese 16-year-old who lives with her toxically abusive mother, Mary (Mo'Nique), in 1980s Harlem. As the movie opens, Precious learns that she's pregnant with her second child; she is also encouraged to join an alternative education program, where she eventually finds love, acceptance and her own voice in a writ-

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John Cusack and a child brave the world-destroying elements in "2012"

ing class run by the indefatigable Ms. Rain (the radiant Paula Patton). (AH)

A SERIOUS MAN (R, 105 minutes) Joel and Ethan Coen return to the Minneapolis suburb of their childhood when physics professor Larry Gopnik (Michael Stuhlbarg) discovers that his comfortable life is quickly dissolving around him. As a darkly funny, affectionate homage to their Jewish roots, the film counts as one of the Coens' best, deserving a place alongside "Fargo" (still their masterpiece) in its lack of the snark and pretentiousness to which the filmmakers can be prone. (AH)

SHORTS (PG, 89 minutes) Toby "Toe" Thompson (Jimmy Bennett) lives in the company town of Black Falls, where both his parents (Leslie Mann and Jon Cryer) work for Black Box Industries, which makes a device that can do everything from placing a phone call to brushing your teeth. Then Toe finds a rainbow-colored "wishing rock" that will grant his every stated desire. (AH)

SKIN (PG-13, 107 minutes) Set in apartheid-era South Africa, the film tells the powerful story of Sandra Laing, a dark-skinned, kinky-haired child born to two white parents (Sam Neill and Alice Krige). On her birth certificate it says "white," but everyone who looks at her sees a black girl — or at least a mixed-race "colored," under the country's strict classification of the races. (MO)

THIS IS IT (PG, 111 minutes) This new Michael Jackson concert film has been billed as a rare glimpse into the creative psyche that defined pop music's shape and trajectory. But this isn't a concert film. It's a rehearsal film — and one that will leave Jackson's most zealous fans waiting for goose bumps that never arrive. CHRIS RICHARDS

2012 (PG-13, 158 minutes) Starting with the long-held misapprehension that the Mayan calendar picks 2012 as the date of humanity's doom, director Roland Emmerich fleshes out that bit of pseudo-history with some pseudoscience — some nonsense about solar flares, and neutrinos heating the Earth's core — and throws hundreds of millions of dollars at it. (DK)

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE (PG, 101 minutes) Director Spike Jonze's movie is one that manages to create its own reality and meaning, even while it brings Maurice Sendak's visual world to life with startling accuracy. Jonze populates Max's world with an indifferent older sister and a single mother (Catherine Keener), whose date ignites the tantrum. Max (Max Records) runs out of the house and develops a friendship with one of the wild things, Carol (James Gandolfini), whose explosive anger Max instinctively recognizes. (AH)

ZOMBIELAND (R, 83 minutes) Directed by D.C. native Ruben Fleischer, the film finds our hero on the run from zombies. These zombies are humans who've been infected with a virus that makes them search for human flesh on which to feast. Our hero (Jesse Eisenberg) meets a highway cowboy (Woody Harrelson), and the oddball pair set off together for an amusement park that's purportedly zombie-free. RUTH MCCANN

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1 U.S. of Etsy

The resurgence of handmade culture in America bodes well for the future: If civilization collapses we'll have tons of people who know how to make ugly hats and "Twilight"-themed Fimo jewelry. But it's nice to see people making things for themselves, and their can-do spirit is captured in "Handmade Nation," a short documentary about crafters showing at the Renwick. F.Z.

➜ *Renwick Gallery, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue NW; Sat., 2 p.m., free; 202-633-1000. (Farragut West)*

2 Hip to the Hop

Oh-so-in-demand DJ Dredd will spin a dance night at the Black Cat this weekend focused on '80s hip-hop classics. We're hoping some of the era's more obnoxious trends won't make it to the Cat — we're looking at you, girl-in-ratty-tutu and boy-in-fluorescent-hi-tops — but the great music that made the decade worthwhile will be there for sure. F.Z.

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., free; 202-667-4490, Blackcatdc.com.*

3 The Gingerbread Man

We've always thought Mt. Vernon was beautiful enough to eat. Former White House pastry chef Roland Mesnier will be at Mt. Vernon constructing a gigantic gingerbread replica of George Washington's estate. S.M.

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television lookout

Better Late Than Now

Larry the Cable Guy's early holiday special brings cheer too soon

BILL O'LEARY/TWP

Now, imagine Larry bedecked with tinsel and some reindeer antlers. Happy holidays!

HOLIDAYS | Decades of Christmas specials have established a set of standards to live up to, or down to, as in the case of "Larry the Cable Guy's Hula-Palooza Christmas Luau" (9 p.m., Friday, CMT).

The first principle of the inappropriately early Christmas special is to recognize the fact that the audience has no illusions that it has not been taped months earlier on a stage in Hollywood or Nashville. This explains Larry's decision to place the special on the fictional island of Hula-Poola, the setting for comedy sketches and musical performances by Billy Currington and the Zac Brown Band.

The second holiday tradition observed here is the casting of celebrities from decades past, folks lodged in the "Where are they now?" filing cabinet of the viewer's brain. It's even better when those vintage performers are well-known for their own holiday specials, such as crooner and Jerry Lewis telethon regular Tony Orlando. He's joined by George Lindsey, an actor best known for his role as Gomer Pyle's slower-witted cousin, Goober, on "The Andy Griffith Show."

Other guests include Caroline Rhea, a veteran of "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch." According to the unwritten rules of holiday specials, I predict we'll be seeing Rhea for many Christmases to come. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE)

weekend lineup

MICHAEL COURTNEY/THE CW

We're not sure who Zod is on "Smallville," but he's making a villain face.

LOIS TROUBLE AS USUAL
On **SMALLVILLE** (8 p.m., CW, Fri.), Tess (Cassidy Freeman) kidnaps Lois (Erica Durance), determined to find out where she went when she disappeared for weeks. Chloe (Allison Mack) forms a resistance group with Oliver (Justin Hartley), while Clark (Tom Welling) makes a significant decision about Zod (Callum Blue) after learning of Lois' memory of the future.

PSYCHIC SUNGLASSES
When Allison's (Patricia Arquette) eyes develop a sensitivity to light, the sunglasses she dons display numbers that may be linked to the life expectancy of those she looks at. Life expectancy also is on the mind of Joe (Jake Weber), who starts taking better care of himself after Allison dreams about his father on **MEDIUM** (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

OOOH, SPARKLY
When robbers strike a diamond exchange and take hostages on **NUMB3RS** (10 p.m., CBS, Fri.), Don (Rob Morrow) and his team think the culprits are copying a convict's criminal strategies, and they find an unlikely ally in convicted bus hijacker John Buckley (Fisher Stevens, reprising his guest role).

PROBABLY HEARTWARMING
In the 1998 movie **THE CHRISTMAS WISH**, (6 p.m., Family Channel, Sat.), a young man returns to his hometown to revitalize his deceased grandfather's business and gets an unusual request from his grandmother: Find out the identity of Lillian, the mysterious woman mentioned in her late husband's journals.

ON THE TRAIL
On **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK** (9 p.m., Fox, Sat.), John Walsh goes to Eastern Europe to hunt down a drug lord who has led authorities on an international cat-and-mouse game, then partners with U.K. crime-busters to track down some criminals there. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

CASTING Jon Stewart Scion Another "Daily Show" regular is getting his own Comedy Central series. The network has ordered six episodes of "John Oliver's New York Stand-Up Show," which will feature performances by Oliver's favorite comedians (including Janeane Garofalo, Paul F. Tompkins and Marc Maron). It will start airing in January. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS (R)
2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:50
AN EDUCATION (PG-13)
2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:30
COCO BEFORE CHANEL (PG-13)
2:15 PM
A SERIOUS MAN (R)
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WILLIAM KUNSTLER: DISTURBING THE UNIVERSE (NR)
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FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (PG-13)
12:00 AM
PIRATE RADIO (R)
1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30, 11:55
BAD LIEUTENANT: PORT OF CALL NEW ORLEANS (NR)
1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40, 12:00
RASHOMON (NR)
3:25, 5:40, 10:10
SKIN (PG-13)
12:50, 7:45 PM
THE MESSENGER (R)
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A SERIOUS MAN (R)
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IS NEWSWEEK'S COVER FEATURING SARAH PALIN IN RUNNING SHORTS SEXIST?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

NO 67%

YES 33%

"She posed for the picture, thus she knew it might get used. Since when is it sexist for women to be in shorts?"

COMMENTER WTF

"Is the cover contextually inappropriate and juvenile? Yes. But sexist? Not a chance."

COMMENTER DIOGENES

"This shot is sexist for sure. Call me delusional. If this was done to Hillary Clinton all the women's groups would be up in arms over it. If this was done to precious Michelle Obama, the NAACP would also be all over it. This just shows the double standard for pro-choice women."

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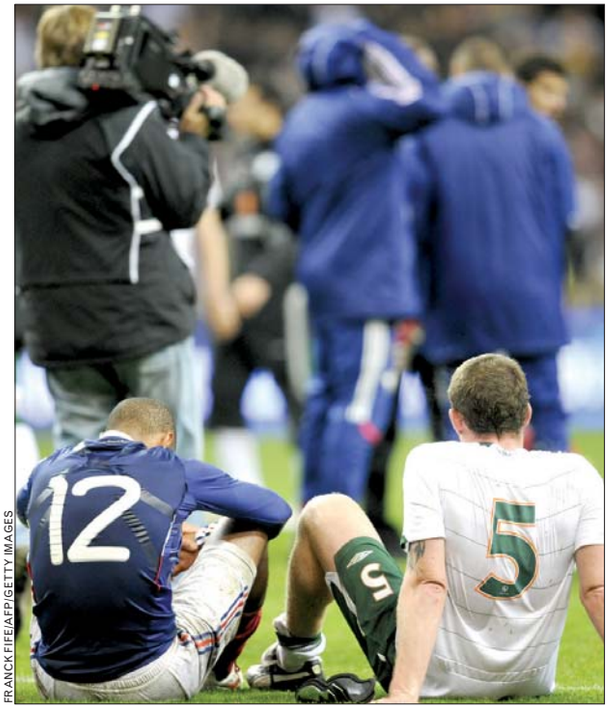
"NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC did a good job of creating a space to observe the ancient warriors. I'm amazed we can fit so much history into such a small space."

F-OXYMORON.COM WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE MUSEUM'S DISPLAY SETUP FOR THE TERRA COTTA WARRIORS EXHIBIT.



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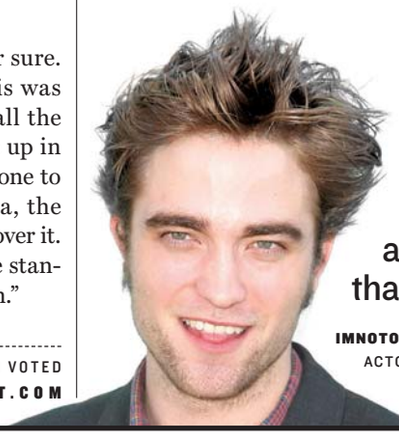
"A terrific performance from the Irish wasn't enough to see [them] qualify for [the] World Cup, but in terms of people to blame, Thierry Henry is about 15th on the list."

CRIMEALWAYSPAYS.BLOGSPOT.COM DOESN'T BLAME HENRY, PICTURED LEFT WITH RICHARD DUNNE, FOR HIS HANDBALL IN WEDNESDAY'S QUALIFIER BUT DOES BLAME THE REFEREES.

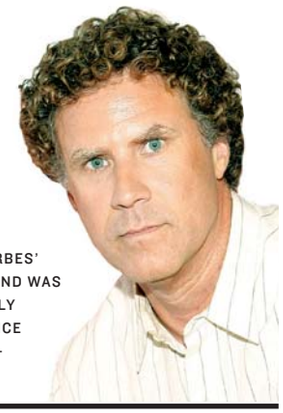


"I think Robert Pattinson finally gets it. Embrace the madness! Feel good about the adoring fans and the screams that follow you everywhere."

IMNOTOBSESSED.COM WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE "TWILIGHT" ACTOR'S LIGHT MOOD DURING AN INTERVIEW ON "LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN" THURSDAY NIGHT.

"BEING ON A FORBES [list] is usually really flattering, but Will Ferrell got the short end of the stick."

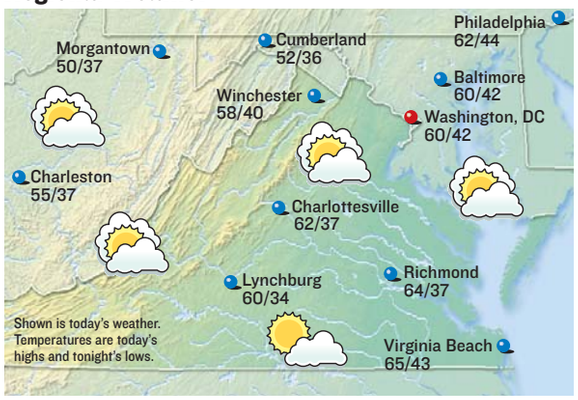
HOLLYSCOOP.COM REACTS TO NEWS THAT FERRELL TOPPED FORBES' "MOST OVERPAID ACTORS" LIST AND WAS JOINED BY EWAN MCGREGOR, BILLY BOB THORNTON, EDDIE MURPHY, ICE CUBE, TOM CRUISE, DREW BARRYMORE AND LEONARDO DICAPRIO.



5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny	Clear	Partly sunny	Rain possible	Rain possible	Partly sunny
60°	42°	58° / 42°	54° / 45°	55° / 45°	58° / 42°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	61°
Low	52°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	39°
Average humidity	90%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	2.47"
Normal month to date	1.93"
Year to date	38.15"
Last year to date	42.70"
Normal year to date	35.20"

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Regional Forecast

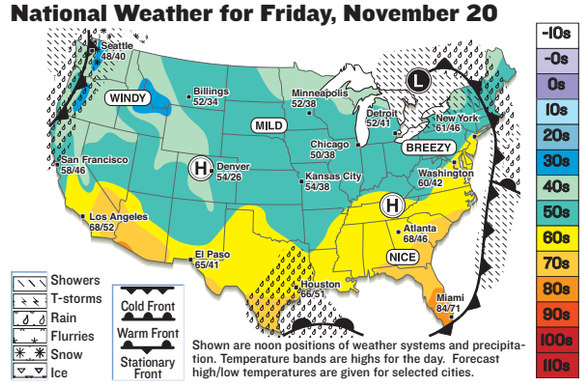
D.C. Metro: Today, decreasingly cloudy. High 60. Wind northwest 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 42. Wind northwest 4-8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:51 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:26 a.m.
Moonset today	8:02 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Nov 24	Dec 2	Dec 8	Dec 16

National Weather for Friday, November 20



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	68/46/s	62/46/r
Boston	58/45/r	57/41/s
Chicago	50/38/pc	51/39/pc
Dallas	64/48/r	66/48/pc
Denver	54/26/s	55/23/pc
Honolulu	83/72/s	83/71/s
Los Angeles	68/52/pc	66/50/s
Miami	84/71/s	84/72/pc
New York City	61/46/r	58/46/s
Orlando	80/63/s	81/65/pc
Seattle	48/40/r	46/40/r

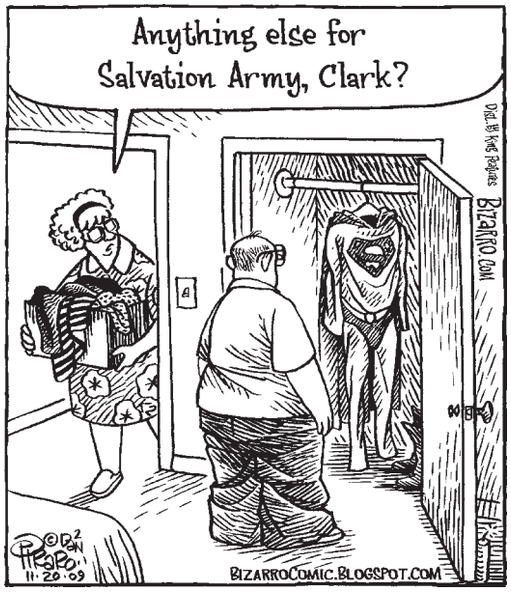
World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	54/43/sh	54/45/c
Athens	72/59/s	70/58/s
Berlin	57/48/s	55/46/s
Buenos Aires	79/59/s	75/57/c
Calgary	52/30/pc	46/14/sf
Dublin	54/43/pc	55/41/r
Geneva	58/45/pc	64/47/pc
Moscow	36/32/c	37/34/sn
Rome	68/50/pc	66/50/s
Sydney	100/73/pc	95/71/c
Tokyo	55/47/s	57/47/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

comics lookout

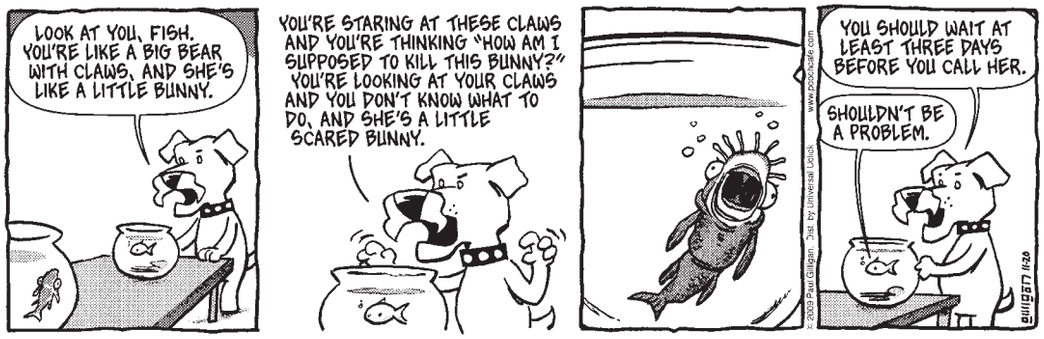
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



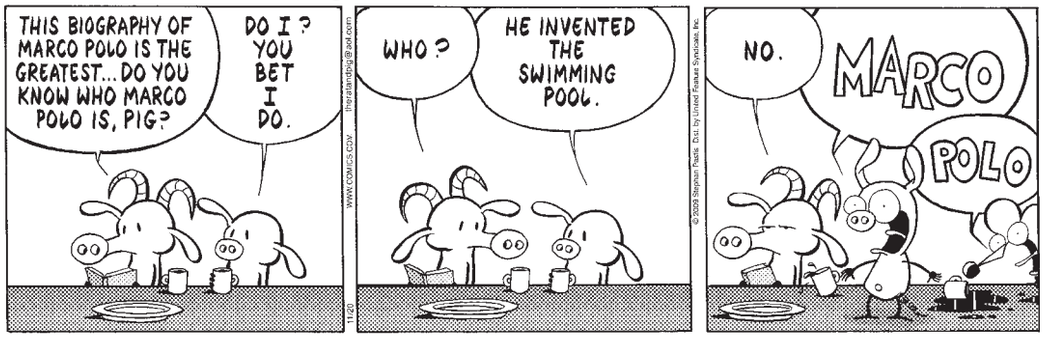
Cornered | *Mike Baldwin*

"It's like caller ID. You get to see who's calling before you pick up."

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Give yourself the best possible chance of success — and even then you may have some formidable odds to overcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're seeing things through a lens that has been clouded by one or two negative experiences recently. Let your vision clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You'll derive a great deal of pleasure from seeing things pan out as you predicted. A surprise awaits during the evening hours, however.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be willing and able to put your most heartfelt desires into words, or what you'll get will not live up to expectations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) How you see things can and will affect your way of doing things — and how those around you function, too. Duty looms large.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're in no mood for the kind of aimless activity that others are engaging in at this time. You want your efforts to be focused.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Organization is only a starting point. In the end, inspiration and the ability to improvise will count for more than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're prepared to go the distance, though you're sure to encounter some resistance from others. Put it on the line.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your genuine interest in the well-being of others will serve you well, as you attempt to clean up messes that others have made.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're on the verge of something exciting and new, but you'll carry with you lessons only recently learned, surely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's time to prove to those around you that you are truly the master of your own fate — at least as far as worldly affairs are concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A key decision is likely to fall to you — before you feel strong or knowledgeable enough to make it with complete confidence, however.

Today in History

1789 New Jersey becomes the first U.S. state to ratify the Constitution's Bill of Rights.

1873 Rival cities of Buda and Pest are united to form the capital of Hungary.

1945 International War Crimes Tribunal begins as 24 accused Nazi World War II criminals go on trial in Nuremberg, Germany.

1969 The Nixon administration announces a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phase-out.

1975 Gen. Francisco Franco dies. Two days later Alfonso XIII's grandson, Juan Carlos, becomes king of Spain.

1992 A fire at Windsor Castle destroys one of Britain's biggest attractions, but a team of rescuers help save the castle's art treasures.

AP

A fire at Windsor Castle destroyed one of Britain's attractions Nov. 20, 1992.

1995 The Hubble Space Telescope photographs the birth of the star Eagle Nebula.

1999 Anti-U.S. protests rock Greece as President Bill Clinton is due to arrive for a visit. He says the U.S. was wrong to back the military junta that took control in 1967.

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We hope her dream was about how she'd like to adopt Robert Pattinson.

TRUTH

Fourthhand Information The Most Reliable Kind!

MARTHA STEWART dreams about Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart told Jimmy Fallon, Usmagazine.com reported. "All she wanted to talk about was Rob!" said Kristen, who taped an episode of Martha's talk show this week. "She said ... that she had a dream about Robert the other night." (EXPRESS)

INEXPERIENCED

Teen Father Amazed That Child Acts Like All Infants

LEVI JOHNSTON mused about fatherhood at the GQ Men of the Year awards, People.com reported. "He is very funky," he said of son Tripp. "He's got a lot of energy. He's always looking to mess things up, break things. He's crazy." (EXPRESS)

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FOREBODING

Dark Reign of Dr. Phil to Begin

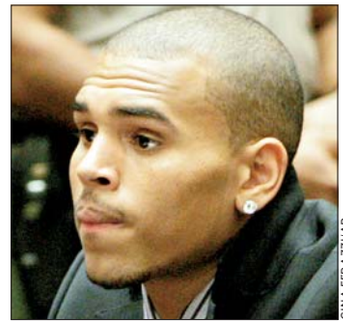
OPRAH WINFREY's production company says Winfrey will announce Friday that her talk show will end in 2011 after its 25th season on the air. Chicago-based Harpo Productions Inc. said Thursday night that the talk show host will give more details live on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" broadcast on Friday. (AP)

IDENTITY

'Who I Am Is Also a Person Who Craves Media Coverage'

Yes, you're a dude now. How many talk shows do you need to validate you?

CHAZ BONO says beginning the process to turn him from a woman to a man is "the best decision I've ever made." Bono says he's eight months into the years-long transformation and feels great. He told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Thursday: "Life is short, and life is precious. This is who I am. I need to finally be who I am." Bono says he always felt like a boy growing up and came out as a lesbian 11 years ago. He tells ABC: "To me, gender is between your ears, not between your legs. I've felt male as far back as I can remember." (AP)



GINA FERAZZI/AP

Brown makes the exact same face he does every time he's in a courtroom.

SENTENCES

Brown a Model Convict

CHRIS BROWN received an "extremely favorable" report from probation officials overseeing his felony assault case, a judge said Thursday. Brown appeared in a Los Angeles courtroom to offer a judge his first progress report since being sentenced for beating his ex-girlfriend Rihanna. Brown's attorney says Brown has already done 100 hours of community labor. (AP)

TRAUMATIC

Family Videos Never Fun Again

In an interview airing Thursday in Britain, **PAMELA ANDERSON** says she told her kids, who are 11 and 12, about her sex tape with Tommy Lee, reported Usmagazine.com. "I just said, 'Look, Mommy and Daddy were massively in love, we videotaped everything, everything was videotaped, and you're probably going hear about something at school.'" (EXPRESS)

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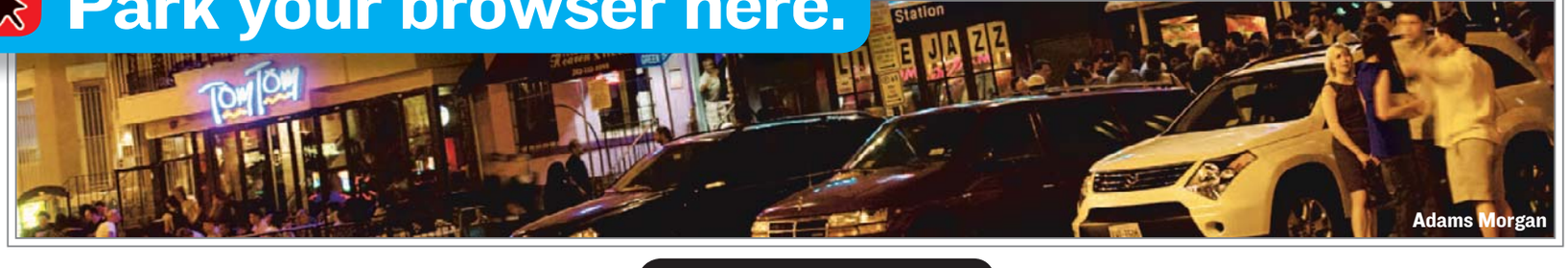

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ACROSS
1. Easily carved gem
5. Harts and does
10. 640 acres (abbr.)
14. Body lotion ingredient
15. Available for occupation
16. "Clan of the Cave Bear" author
17. Hockshop proprietor
19. Dudley Do-Right's girl
20. Pigged out
21. Go to the mat, hillbilly style
22. Tennis units
23. South Africa's Mandela
25. Revenuers, for short
27. Astronomical phenomenon
33. Utter nonsense
36. Chinese fruit (var.)
37. "... ___ the fields we go ..."
38. "How much am ___?" (auction query)
39. ___-mouthed (insincere)
40. "Terrible" title
41. "___ of Frankenstein"
42. "High Plains Drifter" actress Bloom
43. Ashtray fill
44. Division into parts
47. Helped with a line
48. Jazz players, e.g.
52. Bagpiper, often
54. Quick impression
58. Web address feature
59. Forbidden perfume?
60. South African Nobel Peace Prize winner
62. South side?
63. Wings hit "___ In"
64. Touch-screen image
65. Bell emanation
66. Eliminate
67. Corporate benefit

DOWN
1. "The Mikado" locale
2. Get ___ start (run behind)
3. Carpenter's pin
4. Evening, in an ode
5. 2007-08 NBA rookie of the year
6. TV deputy from Hazzard
7. "Benevolent & Protective" group
8. Walk dizzily
9. Like elastic
10. American of Japanese ancestry
11. Vertical tie in a roof truss
12. Sandwich with cheese
13. Targets of social reform
18. "___ Hilda"
24. Variety of poker
26. 1051, to Nero
28. Ready for anything
29. Tropical forest vine
30. Brilliant display
31. Stock-exchange membership
32. Commits a faux pas
33. "Boo" accompaniment
34. Wind in a pit
35. Large venomous snake
39. Like easily repaired things
40. Food fish
42. Letter made with two fingers
43. Bounce to the surface
45. Type of funds
46. Money earned
49. Draw out
50. Chopper spinner
51. Smelled to high heaven
52. "Go no further!"
53. Birthday party staple
55. Debarking point
56. Spanish 101 word
57. Letters on baseball scoreboards
61. Word of advice

Yesterday's Solution

B	E	A	U		G	A	G	A		S	T	A	G	E
E	R	I	N		O	R	A	L		H	O	T	E	L
F	A	L	L	O	V	E	R	O	N	E	S	E	L	F
O	S	I	E	R		A	B	H	O	R	S			
R	E	N	T	A	L		S	A	R	I		M	B	A
E	R	G		T	E	L			A	F		F	A	I	R
			R	E	G	E	N	T				R	U	B	E
	H	E	A	D	O	V	E	R	H	E	E	L	S	
H	A	L	T			O	T	I	O	S	E			
A	R	M	A	D	A			G	O	T		B	A	S
S	T	S		E	V	E	S		T	H		I	R	S	T
			A	N	I	M	U	S		E	M	I	L	E
M	O	O	N	O	V	E	R	P	A	R	A	D	O	R
A	W	A	I	T		E	G	A	D		G	A	P	E
T	E	R	S	E		R	E	N	D		O	L	E	O

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SAMURAI SUDOKU | HARD

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

4	1	5	7	8	9	3	2	6
6	7	9	1	2	3	4	5	8
3	2	8	4	5	6	7	1	9
5	9	4	6	7	8	1	3	2
1	8	7	9	3	2	5	6	4
2	3	6	5	1	4	8	9	7
7	6	3	2	4	1	9	8	5
9	5	1	8	6	7	2	4	3
8	4	2	3	9	5	6	7	1

4	2	3	5	1	6	7	8	9
7	1	5	4	8	9	2	3	6
9	8	6	2	3	7	4	5	1
1	3	2	8	7	4	9	6	5
6	5	4	9	2	1	8	7	3
8	9	7	3	6	5	1	2	4
3	7	1	6	4	8	5	9	2
5	6	8	1	9	2	3	4	7
2	4	9	7	5	3	6	1	8

			5	1	8	4	7	2
			3	2	7	9	6	5
			4	6	9	1	8	3

9	3	6	7	2	9	6	8	7
8	3	4	1	9	2	6	7	8
7	5	6	8	9	4	1	2	3
1	3	2	6	4	5	8	9	7
8	9	6	2	3	7	4	5	1
4	1	7	3	5	8	2	6	9
3	2	9	4	1	6	5	8	4
5	4	8	9	2	3	6	7	1
6	7	1	5	8	4	3	9	2

6	2	5	7	8	9	1	3	4
3	8	9	4	1	2	7	5	6
4	1	7	3	5	6	8	9	2
1	6	2	5	7	4	3	8	9
8	7	3	6	9	1	2	4	5
5	9	4	8	2	3	6	1	7
7	3	6	1	4	5	9	2	8
2	4	1	9	6	8	5	7	3
9	5	8	2	3	7	4	6	1

4	5	3	1	2	9	7	8	6
1	9	2	6	7	8	3	4	5
2	1	9	6	7	8	4	5	3
7	4	6	3	2	5	8	9	1
2	3	8	9	6	1	4	5	7
5	1	9	7	8	4	2	3	6
3	6	5	1	4	7	9	8	2
8	2	4	5	9	6	7	1	3
9	7	1	8	3	2	5	6	4

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CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

			6				9	
9								2
			1	9	2			5
		3			1	2		
2				4				7
		4	3			6		
4			9	6	5			
5								8
	3				8			

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Yesterday's Solution

8	5	1	4	6	3	2	9	7
3	4	7	8	2	9	5	1	6
2	6	9	1	7	5	8	3	4
4	9	2	3	1	6	7	8	5
7	3	6	9	5	8	4	2	1
1	8	5	2	4	7	9	6	3
5	1	8	7	3	2	6	4	9
9	7	3	6	8	4	1	5	2
6	2	4	5	9	1	3	7	8

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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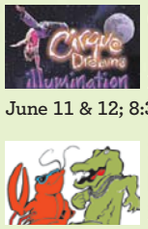

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